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Value of

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INVESTORS in the 12 regional electricity companies should see paper profits of up to 50 per cent when dealings in

the shares start this afternoon, according to indications from

the unofficial "grey market"

last night.
It is unlikely, however, that

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More than 100,000 of the

post by Christmas.

# Scheme phased in over four years

# Clarke orders appraisal of

TEACHERS in England and Wales will face compulsory appraisal every two years, Kenneth Clarke, the education secretary, announced yes-terday in a reversal of government policy that was established only three initiative in his new role

Mr Clarke's decision to abandon the voluntary system established by his predecessor, John MacGregor, will be fol-lowed today by further action outboard education authorities to devolve more spending to schools. New measures are also being considered to encourage more schools to opt out of local authority

The appraisal scheme will be phased in over four years, with half of the teaching force being assessed by the summer of 1993 and the rest in the following two years. Senior staff will observe teachers in the classroom and then discuss their performance and set achievement targets at

Appraisal will not be directly linked to pay or discibe taken into account by head

#### INSIDE ... 15% pay deal for Peugeot

More than 4,000 Midland car workers at Peugeot Talbot have been offered pay rises worth up to 15 per cent.

This award appears to fly in the face of government appeals that employers and inflation if Britain is to avoid

DeFreitas call



Phillip DeFreitas, the Lancashire all-rounder, is to join the England cricket squad in Australia. He flies out today stone Small, who has a thigh

Government list Today we publish a complete list of all the members of John Major's government.... Page 4

#### Trade initiative

The prime minister is to use his forthcoming talks with European leaders and President Bush to pave the way for world trade talks, MPs were

#### Tyminski held

Stanislaw Tyminski, the émigré businessman who contested the Polish presidential election has been ordered not to leave the country until defamation charges have been 

#### Sales fall

Retail sales dropped another half per cent last month increasing fears that retailers will end a lean year with a poor Christmas. The pound suffered a fall on rumours that base rates may have to be cut

#### **Engineers' list**

A full list of newly qualified Chartered Engineers and Incorporated Engineers is published today ..... .... Page 27

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# all teachers

By JOHN O'LEARY, HIGHER EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

teachers. Individual teachers' through which that can be targets will be available to chairmen of governors, but their assessments will remain confidential. Head teachers will also be subject to appraisal by local authority or voluntary body appointees.

Mr Clarke's first policy signalled his intention to restore the Conservatives as the natural custodians of education standards. Labour has led consistently on education in recent opinion polls.

Both parties have identified education as a battleground for the next election. Labour spokesmen are touring the country promoting the party's policy, launched last week, which has compulsory teacher appraisal as a central feature.

Mr Clarke said that he had decided to reverse the decision of Mr MacGregor to make appraisal voluntary because of the low take-up by local authorities and the strength of reaction after the announcement in September. Many authorities had planned only small-scale schemes for volun-teers, while 18 had planned none at all.

Mr Clarke has opted for a cut-price system, adding only £1 million a year to the £9 million made available by Mr MacGregor for the voluntary cheme. More of the costs will. now fall on the schools, since Mr Clarke expects senior staff o conduct appraisals as part of their normal work, and training to take place outside school hours. Much of the original cost was associated with the payment of tem-porary staff to cover the bsence of appraisers.

Mr Clarke said: "Teachers will welcome this as a strengthening of their professional status and a method of developing their full potential. I am equally sure that all parents will welcome a requirement for the perfor-mance of teachers to be ap-

praised regularly."

He emphasised that appraisal was intended to develop the professionalism of teachers and predicted that it would soon be accepted, as it is in other occupations. "If someone is not capable of managing and teaching a class to a required standard, they should be expected to leave the job. There are processes

done now, but it is a mistake to think of the introduction of dismissing bad teachers. It is aimed at raising the perforwould be no set national criteria, although methods would need to be compatible between authorities.

Mr Clarke is to consult on the changes before introducing new regulations in Parliament. The interim advisory committee on school teachers pay and conditions is being asked to consider amendments to conditions of service to oblige teachers to

Teacher unions last night enerally welcomed the outne of the scheme, but exlevel of funding. Only the National Association of choolmasters and Union of ional Union of Teachers and the National Association of Head Teachers welcomed the absence of a direct link be-tween pay, discipline and

Jack Straw, Labour's chief education spokesman, also welcomed the decision but added: "Mr Clarke's refusal properly to fund appraisal shows that he has learnt very little about good management ment of Health."Labour has promised to implement to full scheme recommended by the national steering group after pilots last year, at a cost it now puts at £45 million.

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# **Soviet Union asks US** for food aid

From Martin Fletcher in Washington

THE Soviet Union said pub- dent Bush of the 1974 Jacklicly for the first time yes-terday that it wanted food aid from its old Cold War adversary, the United States, and the Bush administration signalled help would be given. Before meeting James Baker, the Secretary of State, in Houston, Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet foreign minister, admitted his country's "most acute problem" of food shortages. The Soviet Union would "appreciate ... some food supplies" and "efficient

economic co-operation". Mr Baker told reporters that "as far as humanitarian assistance, medical assistance, food and that sort of thing, I know the president will be very forthcoming with respect to trying to help.

US aid will very likely include the waiving by Presi-

By ALAN HAMILTON

ENOUGH money to buy 50 Challenger tanks, or build half a frigate, or pay

almost the entire overtime bill of the

Metropolitan Police for a year, may have

just slipped through the fingers of the

The will of the 6th Marquess of

Cholmondeley, published yesterday, has disclosed that he left £118,221,949 net

(£119,847,956 gross), the highest will ever proved in the United Kingdom.

Tax experts agreed, however, that the

government was unlikely to get its hands

Lord Cholmondeley, who died in

March aged 70, held the ceremonial post

of Lord Great Chamberlain, responsible

for looking after parts of the Palace of

Westminster. His wealth came from

land in Cheshire and Norfolk, and the

key to his estate is Houghton Hall, the

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on more than a minute fraction of it.

Inland Revenue.

son-Vanik legislation, thus extending preferential trading status to the Soviet Union and allowing it to buy US grain on favourable export credit terms. The administration is said to be considering credit

guarantees of \$1 billion. As Mr Baker held out the prospect of aid to Moscow, Mr Bush had a brief meeting with President Landsbergis of Lithuania which was kept as low-profile as possible.

• MOSCOW: General Igor Rodionov, a hardliner, was summoned for an urgent meeting with Mr Gorbachev yesterday (Mary Dejevsky writes). It came amid persistent rumours in the Baltic republics that Moscow planned military action.

Protests at home, page 10 brought out the champagne United Bank of Kuwait, was at the village pub.

Britain's first recognised prime minister.

his personal chattels be held on trust and

used by his lineal descendants who suc-

ceed to the Marquisate of Cholmond-

eley". The remainder of his estate,

including any undisposed-of chattels,

were bequeathed to his son, the 7th

marquess. Staff at the family's other

house, Cholmondeley Castle, near

Malpas, Cheshire, said yesterday that

the 30-year old inheritor of the title and

estate was abroad, and not available for

Solicitors representing the family confirmed last night that the bulk of the

estate was represented by Houghton

Hall, which is open to the public and contains an impressive collection of

works of art and artefacts. Houghton, designed by the architect Colen Camp-

ila corporation of Japan.

In his will, the marquess directed that



# Hostages flood back to UK as Iraq keeps word

THE trickle of British hos- and it was quite a party tages returning from Iraq was turning into a flood last night as President Saddam Hussein appeared to be standing by his promise to release his strategic numan shield by Christmas.

Aircraft were shuttling beween Baghdad and the West, ferrying scores of expatriates home in time for the holiday season. Among them were many people who had finally broken cover in Knwait after evading Iraqi troops for more

More than 100 hostages arrived at Heathrow yesterday. Last night an Iraqi Airways jumbo jet carrying chester, Essex, speut his entire 384 hostages left Baghdad. It captivity at the Sheraton Howas expected to land at Gatwick at 11 pm.

Two other jets, chartered by the British embassy in Iraq, were on standby today at Baghdad airport ready to fly to Kuwait to collect the estimated 440 Britons thought to be in the country, either held by the Iraqi invaders or still in hiding. If events go according to plan, they will be transferred onto a jumbo jet at Baghdad for the flight to Britain, scheduled to leave at

i pm today. Britons, still in hiding in Kuwait, are expected to respond to Foreign Office advice broadcast over the BBC World Service to meet at 6 am at the airport today for the flights to Baghdad.

Douglas Hogg, a junior Foreign Office minister, said yesterday: "By the end of the week, we very much hope we will have all of the hostages and detainees out from Iraq and Kuwait. We have been broadcasting on the World Service, encouraging people to come out of hiding because, of course, they might miss the aircraft."

Mr Hogg was at Heathrow to greet some of the 101 Britons on a flight from Frankfurt which had picked up hostages from an American-chartered traqi jet ferrying more than 200 foreign nationals from Baghdad.

A British Airways crew member on the Frankfurt Gulf and retune to a comedy flight said: "The relief was programme instead. He enormous. They were just so exuberant and happy. We

Peer's £118m will may sidestep the taxman

family seat near Kings Lynn built in the 18th century for Sir Robert Walpole, and sumptuous Palladian house in

were going to be bombed by the Americans and see the end One freed hostage, Keith of our days there which was Swaden, aged 34, from Chatham, Kent, said: "It's fantastic mours also that the security would pick us up in the middle of the night."

to be home. I consider myself to be a very lucky man to be alive here back with my family." He said he spent the whole time hidden in a villa in Knwait with three friends and were supplied with food by their Filipina maid.

On the flight were six members of the crew of BA flight 149 which was stranded when Iraqi troops invaded Kuwait on August 2.

Graham Sims, from Coltel. "The first three weeks were the worst. We thought we

EC partners stuck resolutely to sanctions whereas the British statements damaged the interests of people abroad."

"I think it was handled

badly. The British statements

had a belligerent attitude. Our

Terry Kalaski, aged 46, a

Leeds university lecturer, said

he thought the British Gov-erament's attitude had been

"too bellicose".

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# Taste of freedom at the village pub

FLUTTERING yellow rib- taken hostage last August For bons were attached to every much of his captivity he was tree in the garden of the converted 19th-century stable block at Shipbourne in Kent where the freed hostage Edward May returned home with his wife and son yesterday. Silk ribbons had been tied to the door knocker and the aerial on the family car as

"It is the best day of my life," said Mrs Barbara May, aged 39, as she clung tightly to her husband's arm. She said the couple's four-month enforced separation had been "like being aboard an emo-tional roller-coaster". Each day of her husband's captivity, first in Kuwait and then at a chemical plant in northern Iraq, Mrs May sent him long letters. Relatives, friends and neighbours rallied round but it was her son, David, aged 12, who proved the most invaluable supporter. "He would depressing item about the perhaps worse, an accident in

helped so much." Mr May,

and sumptuous Palladian house in

that the peer's estate would be examined

for liability to inheritance tax. After the

first £128,000, which is tax-free, the rest

of any estate can be liable to taxation at

40 per cent, which in this case would net

the Treasury about £50 million. There

were, however, a number of reliefs, including business, agricultural or her-

Tax experts forecast last night that the

peer's estate would escape most tax, as

Houghton Hall would be classed as a

heritage property under legislation first

introduced in 1975 by the Labour

chancellor, Denis Healey. David

Rothenburg, of the City accountants Blick Rothenburg, said yesterday: "They

will probably escape tax if Houghton stays in the family."

itage property, a spokesman said.

The Inland Revenue said yesterday

England, and is set in 4,000 acres.

held in a house at Kuwait University. "I was with some level-headed people and we kept our emotions in check, although the boredom was appalling," he said. Mr May kept anxiety, anger

and homesickness at bay by reading books which had not been stolen or burnt by Iraqi troops. "I also wrote some semi-autobiographical short stories on a computer we found which had, miraculously, not been broken or looted. Unfortunately I wiped them one day while I was being hectored by an Iraqi soldier," he said.

He was moved to a chemical weapons plant at Samara in northern Iraq. "I felt terrible then. It was a grim and sinister place with anti-aircraft batteries everywhere and blast-proof walls. We faced two possibilities; a Western air turn off the TV news if it was a strike if war broke out, or, the plant and a leak of some programme instead. He chemical weapons' gas."

aged 44, who works for the coming yesterday with a pint

£118 million will

# enquiry

AN OFFICIAL investigation into how the authorities coped with the weekend blizzards was launched last night as MPs joined the chorus of complaints about the

severe weather conditions.

As the worst of the weather moved towards the Continent, mopping up operations began. Midlands had to contend with sands of homes without electricity and roads blocked by abandoned vehicles.

The bad weather caused at least eight deaths over the

production plant in Coventry yesterday. Assembly workers Continued on page 22, col 6

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# blizzard

Malcolm Rifkind, the transport secretary, said he had asked his department to review arrangements for dealing with the sudden onset of

Jaguar is laying off nearly 5,000 workers after snow closed the company's main

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#### regional variations. Non-customers in areas covered by Manweb, Northern, South Wales and South Western boards can only expect an allocation if they have applied for the bare minimum of 100 shares. In the case of Seeboard, the most popular of the 12 regions, they will only receive 90 shares if they have

applied for 100. Applicants for shares in boards which are larger or less popular will be more lucky. In the case of Southern, noncustomers are only ruled out

completely if they have app-lied for more than 1,500 "Grey market" prices which had averaged at 136p prior to the news of allocations, rocketed once the figures were

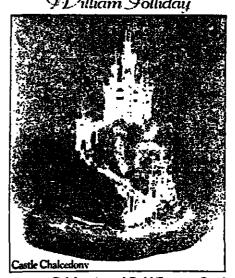
known. The average was above 145p, against a part-paid price of 100p a share, while Northern and Manweb was just 1p lower. As a result, analysts were

predicting chaos when dealing starts today, as institutions keen to balance their portfolios find few sellers.

Frank Dobson, shadow energy secretary, said: "The oversubscription is in direct proportion to the under-

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#### **EXHIBITION** Castles of ( By Exclusive Alaster Goldsmith I Dilliam Folliday



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Rampton and Ashworth topsecurity hospitals that have led to scores of severely mentally disturbed patients being locked in their rooms.

themselves for a third day of strike action, the mental health organisation Mind, said that the disruption could drive some patients to suicide and the authority, which took the National Health Service. and set back the recovery of over the running of the many others. One patient has Rampton, Ashworth and killed himself since the action began on Saturday.

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director, called on the min- authority's 3,300 staff includister to intervene in the dispute between the Prison Officers' Association (POA) and the Special Hospitals Service Authority, which man-ages the institutions, and said: sought to allay these fears by "I fear that for many patients drawing up a new negotiating the consequences will be seen in further drastic infringements of their civil liberties and profound deterioration in

their mental health."

pressure yesterday to attempt management submits its proto end the strikes at the posal to end staff travel-tonegotiations and reinstates three suspended nurses.

The ostensible cause of the As the hospitals braced determination to phase out to accelerate the trend towards travel-to-work allowances. Informed observers see the confrontation as more of a trial of strength between the union Broadmoor hospitals last year.

The union, which repre-Ros Hepplewhite, Mind's sents about 60 per cent of the ing most of its nurses, has never overcome its initial suspicion that the new employer was intent on breaking its power. The authority agreement with the POA, but the doubts persisted. Staff at the special hospitals,

and, for some, a devastating containing some 1,700 patients defined as criminally insane, perform an awkward Last night, the authority dual role, acting both as nurses was still considering a union and as warders. Up until

WILLIAM Waldegrave, the peace package. The union says about 1980, the accent was health secretary, was under it will call off the strikes if the firmly on simply containing patients, but over the past decade the emphasis has work allowances to genuine switched to providing therapy - a move that some prison officers have opposed.

The new management has dispute is the management's clearly signalled that it wants a more relaxed, constructive regime, All nurses nowadays in the institutions are fully qualified and registered with In spite of this, most remain fiercely loyal to the POA. Bridget Sampson, POA

branch secretary at Broad-moor hospital, at Crowthorne, Berkshire, said that nurses were deeply aggrieved that the authority was seeking to phase out travel allowances without negotiation. Mike Swinnerton, the authority's personnel manager, said yesterday that the allowance could no longer be justified because there was no longer a recruitment problem. Their nurses, who received £2,050 a year extra for working in a dangerous environment, were among the best paid within



Crash death: the crushed wreckage of a car in which a woman passenger died but from which two young children, including a two-week old baby, escaped without serious injury. The car was hit by a train yesterday on an unmanned level crossing at Coswarth, near Newquay, Cornwall, The woman driver was taken to hospital in Truro, where the two children are being treated for head injuries. Their condition is said to be satisfactory. The

car, a red Volvo estate, was pushed 30 yards down the track before the train came to a halt. There were no passengers in the train but the driver and co-driver were taken to hospital suffering from shock. The occupants of the car had to be cut out by firemen. Police believe that the accident may have been caused by bright smilight, which could have prevented the car driver from seeing red warning lights on the crossing

# Coroner attacks lack of juvenile remand centres

By OUR HOME AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

THE lack of special remand probation officer told the incentres for juveniles was quest that they were constrongly criticised by a coro-cerned about the boy being ner yesterday after a jury held in prison and feared that returned an open verdict on a he might try to kill himself. He schoolboy found hanged in a had slashed his wrists twice cell at Swansea jail in July.

Richard Morgan, the Glamorgan coroner, said: "The saddest fact is that there was just nowhere else for this boy to go. That seems to be the nub of the tragedy. It is simply lack of resources".

His comments will embarrass ministers who have been under pressure for years to bar all juveniles from being remanded to adult jails and remand centres. Earlier this year they decided to tackle the problem by extending the etwork of council-run juvenile secure units. An announcement on increased funding, which has led to a dispute between the Home Office and the health department, is ex-

pected shortly.
Phillip Knight, aged 15, was remanded in custody accused of stealing a handbag, Mag-istrates sent him to Swansea jail after bearing that there were no juvenile secure units in Wales and that he had tried to escape from children's homes 11 times.

An open verdict was returned after the coroner said that the boy's death had not been due to lack of care by prison staff, Mr Morgan told the jury that the only other possible verdict was suicide.

previously. Prison staff, however, said that they saw nothing in his mood to indicate that he might take his life. Dr Russell Jones, the prison's doctor, described the wrist. slashing as an "expression of

resentment and anger". Charles Erickson, the jail's governor, agreed that an adult prison was not a suitable place for a schoolboy, but said that no other secure accommods. tion could be found.

The boy was taken into care in June 1989 after his adoptive parents decided that they unruly behaviour. They did not attend the inquest.

Penal reformers urged the government to abolish the practice of remanding juveniles to adult jails. Deborah Coles, of Inquest, a voluntary group that investigates su picious deaths in custody, said: "Support and trained specialist help at a secure unit should have been available to him instead of him being kept in a place where you are locked up for 23 hours a day.

The criminal justice bill now in the Commons, proposes abolishing custodial remands for boys aged 14. Courts are already barred ossible verdict was suicide. from sending girls to adult Three social workers and a jails.

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## SFO drops enquiry into miners' funds

By TIM JONES, EMPLOYMENT CORRESPONDENT

THE Serious Fraud Office has International Miners Organisdecided not to pursue in- ation posed serious difficulties vestigations into allegations for an enquiry by British that £1.4 million donated by police. Soviet miners during the national pit strike five years ago was misdirected by Arthur Scargill, president of the National Union of Mineworkers.

The Times reported three months ago that because of the passage of time, lack of evidence and questions of juris-diction, fraud squad officers had decided the investigation would not succeed.

Yesterday a spokesman for the SFO said: "We have received the results of the Metropolitan police investiga-tion and we have advised within our statutory criteria."

Making the decision to call off the investigation, the police are understood to have identified two key areas which made it unlikely any action could be pursued over the handling of the union's finances during the strike.

The first was that the National Union of Mineworkers never made an official complaint and the second was based on questions of jurisdiction. The fact that money collected by Soviet and other Eastern European miners was paid into a Dublin account controlled by the Paris-based

#### Hearing on next move over Six

By Frances GIBB LEGAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

THE Court of Appeal may hold a special hearing before Christmas to decide the next move in the case of the

Birmingham Six.

The judges who will sit on the appeal were announced in a parliamentary question yesterday as Lord Justice Lloyd, I and Justice Mustill and Lord. Lord Justice Mustill and Lord

Justice Farquharson.

It is possible that the judges will now invite lawyers both for the men and for the Director of Public Prosecutions to attend a process. tions to attend a pre-trial hearing to sort out the next practicable move. Alternatively, lawyers for the six may lodge an application for bail, in which case there would also be a speedy hearing before

Technically the appeal hearng is awaiting a move by the defence lawyers. Progress is being delayed because lawyers for the six men are unwilling to lodge their full grounds of appeal until the Devon and Cornwall police investigation is complete and all possible material has come to light.

At the same time, however, they are anxious to forceAllan Green, the DPP, to declare his hand on whether the crown will contest the appeal

No decision has yet been taken by the DPP on the crown's stance. It is thought likely, however, that he will contest the appeal on the grounds that there is other evidence in the case, beyond that over which doubts have now been raised.

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### Cook denies bid for leadership

As a result of the claims, a

four-man NUM team which

visited Paris and the Soviet

Union arrived at a com-

promise deal that resulted in

the NUM receiving a "dona-

Mr Scargili still faces legal

action from the trade union

certification officer for alleged

failure to keep proper

tion" of £740,000.

Robin Cook, the shadow health secretary, denied yesterday that he was preparing to bid for the leadership of the Labour party. He issued a statement declaring that there was no vacancy and that the only post he was interested in was that of health secretary in a Labour government.

Mr Cook's action was in response to weekend reports linking him with gossip that Neil Kinnock might face pres-sure to stand down before the next election. For most Labour MPs there is no question at all over Mr Kinnock's position. Yet this has not prevented speculation appearing in some newspapers.

#### Gold returns

Charles Haughey, the Irish prime minister, said last night that a Bronze Age gold collec-tion due to be sold for the Duke of Northumberland at Sotheby's on Thursday was to be returned to Ireland after negotiations; it will be shown in the National Museum. He threatened legal action last month for the return of a gold collar, which Irish authorities said had been taken from the country illegally.

Case delayed

Bad weather hit the Sonia Sutcliffe libel trial yesterday when a Midlands juror was unable to reach the High Court in London. The hearing resumes today with Mrs Sutcliffe, of Heaton, Bradford, seeking damages over a News of the World story in December 1988 accusing her of having an affair with George Papoulsis, a Greek tour op erator. Libel is denied.

Tests on Imbert Sir Peter Imbert, the commis sioner of the Metropolitan police, underwent medical lests yesterday at St Thomas been taken there at the week-

hospital in London. He had end after experiencing breathing difficulties. Yesterday the condition of Sir Peter, who
suffered a series of hear
attacks in October. was described as comfonable.

CORRECTION The telephone number for King's England Press, pub-lisher of the Arthur Mee county guides, was wrong? given in Saturday's paper. The



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# Bandsman tells inquest how bomb threw him through the air

By RAY CLANCY

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A BANDSMAN who survived the worst terrorist attack on mainland Britain yesterday described how he flew through the air when a bomb exploded at the Royal Marines School of Music at Deal, Kent.

Corporal Robert Graham, who suffered shock and perforated ear drums in the blast in which 11 colleagues died, then picked himself up and despite his injuries dug in the rubble with his hands to try to rescue his friends. He told the inquest into the deaths that it had been an ordinary day before the explosion at 8.26am on Friday, September 22, 1989

He described how about 25 marines gathered as usual in the former instruction room which was used for recreation. They were changing into their uniforms ready for band duty, chatting and drinking coffee. Minutes before the

bomb exploded he had been stand-ing in the middle of the room when "for some unknown reason" he ing came down on top of me, walked out into the foyer where he was studying a notice board when there was "an almighty explosion".

Looking tense Corporal Graham graphically described the force of the blast: "The wall I was looking at looked as if it was a sheet that was rippling in front of me. I was being blown forward and down at the same time. I tried to straighten myself up but couldn't. I never reached the wall I was just moving towards it."

He then found himself outside the building on top of the rubble with colleagues buried all around him. "You had an amazing escape," Richard Sturt, the East Kent coroner, told him. Corporal Graham, who is still stationed at Deal, said he was probably saved by the wall which fell away from

nothing fell on my head. I got up and turned round. There was nothing there."

He then described how he was taken away from the scene of the explosion by another marine but he went back and joined the rescue operation. "When people arrived I tried to direct them to show where people were buried under the rubble so that they would not be digging in the wrong place. I was trying to point them in the right

Another bandsman, musician Michael Cole, whose right hand was bandaged, described how he was buried underneath rubble, saw a glimmer of light and managed to free one of his arms. "I was flat on my back. I woke up a lot later underneath the ceiling. I saw a

rubble from behind my head. I managed to get one of my arms out of the rubble. I could hear people above. I could hear them pulling me out of the rubble. They carried Die to the side of the parade ground

and I was laid on the grass." By the end of its first day the inquest had heard details of the cause of death of seven of the bandsmen. Corporal Trevor Davis, aged 39, musician Richard Jones, 27, Corporal Dean Pavey, 31, Corporal Andrew Cleatheroe, 25, musician Richard Fice, 22, and musician Timothy Reeves, 24, all died instantly from severe blast injuries. Musician Robert Simmonds, 34, was pulled from the rubble alive but died in Buckland Hospital, Dover.

Musician Fice, who was probably sitting on the sofa where the

glimmer of light and using both my

arms I managed to claw away the

onto the roof of the building by the force of the blast, was the most severely injured. Mr Sturt said his injuries, a fractured skull, neck. ribs and spine and gross mutilations, were the worst he had ever seen. "He would never have survived even for a split second."

The inquest, being held in Dover, also heard that dozens of bandsmen escaped injury because they were given a lie-in by John Ware, the school's director of music. In his opening remarks Mr Sturt said that normally up to 70 bandsmen would have been packed into the recreation room, known as the Coffee Boat, but on that particular Friday there were only 25 because most of the bandsmen had had a late engagement the previous evening and were given a lie-in. Mr Sturt told the jury that 11 bandsmen died,

day in hospital and another three weeks after the explosion. Mr Sturi drew the jury's attention to questions about security at the barracks. He said a civilian security firm, Reliance, was employed after a commando unit left the barracks nine years ago. A small number of non-bandsmen marines remained to help with security. "Both undertook regular patrols but there was no comprehensive perimeter fenc-

ing," Mr Sturt said. Mr Sturt also indicated that it was possible to see right into the instruction room where the bomo was placed from the upstairs windows of houses in an adjoining road to the barracks. He said that one house, No 17 Campbell Road, had been rented by a young man who spoke with an Irish accent, and who had never been traced. The inquest continues today.



Start yesterday: "injuries worst i have seen"

# Disruption continues but snow moves to Continent

weekend of heavy snow in December for ten years. The bad weather caused at least eight deaths as rescue services were hampered by the extreme

Centre, which had earlier predicted that the snow could spread to the South from the badly-hit Midlands, northern and western areas, has said that milder conditions are on

The worst of the weather has moved towards the Continent. Heavy snow fell in and urged commuters to share France, Spain, Italy, Switzer- cars if they had to drive at all land, Germany and Austria, in affected areas. Roads rehalting traffic and leaving mained closed in Scotland, thousands without electricity. Heavy rains and wind in southern Europe closed ferry

services and flooded Venice. Small towns in Spain were cut off by snow. Snow fell in Paris, and roads were closed in south-eastern and central France. The Mont Blanc tunnel through the Alps was

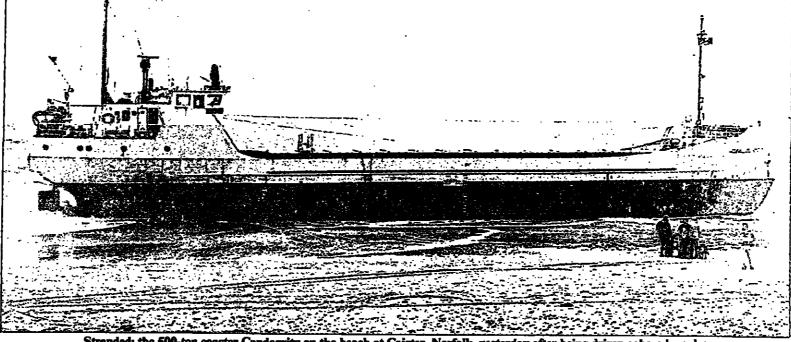
POWER cuts, road blockages closed. Rain falling on the and school closures greated French riviera flooded base-Britain yesterday after its first ments and the Nice Opera on the fashionable Promenade des Anglais.

Zermatt, in southern Switzerland, reported 36 in of snow in 24 hours.

Schools in Turin were The London Weather closed as northern Italy dug out from its first pre-Christmas snow since 1964. Snow fell on Mount Vesuvius and the island of Ischia in the Bay of Naples. Wind-driven seas flooded Venice.

In Britain, the AA warned drivers of the dangers of hard-packed snow and black ice Gloucestershire, Cheshire, Derbyshire and the North-

Schools in Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire, Warwickshire. Staffordshire, Shropshire, and Hereford and Worcester were closed and in the East Midlands workmen were trying to



helicopter finished the job

homes at Nuneaton.

Householders in the Midlands were the worst hit. The Nottingham-based East Midland electricity company said that 300,000 customers were without supply. Some isolated communities in Warwickshire and Derbyshire whose electricity has been cut off since the weekend were warned that it could take until the end of the week to restore

The weekend storms have restore power to thousands of snapped the thick poles carryman said that, at the peak of morning. The RAF was first in the East Midlands were cut the children, and a Wessex sional Computer Consultants

In the West Midlands. about 45,000 customers were still cut off in the Worcester. Shropshire and Hereford areas. There were also about 9,000 cut off in the south Birmingham area. In Wales. 3.500 were cut off in the rural areas of Clwyd and Gwynedd.

Peter Walker, the former energy secretary, criticised electricity companies for keeping the public in the dark about weekend power cuts. He accused the Midlands electricity board of not providing enough information.

Mr Walker, Conservative MP for Worcester, was among the 100,000 people in the area who suffered power cuts. He and his family had to put on extra clothing and find their way about with torches.

In Yorkshire, about 400 people were still without electricity, and Yorkshire Water customers in Leeds were having to draw supplies from emergency tankers. The Severn-Trent water company warned most of its 8.25 mil lion customers to boil water for the next few days. A spokeswoman said that only people living in Birmingham, could rely on the water quality, because supplies there had not been interrupted. She said that about 250,000 homes were still without water, including 80,000 at Telford, Shropshire, and 100,000 at Nuneaton, Warwickshire.

While the icy weather swept southwards yesterday into Kent, Essex and East Anglia, British Rail reported that InterCity services were running normally.

An RAF belicopter airlifted

12 stranded guides and brownies from an old school used as a hostel at Great Alne, near Stratford-on-Avon, Warwick-

# Stranded: the 500-ton coaster Candourity on the beach at Caister, Norfolk, yesterday after being driven ashore by gales

homes cut off during the ing the supply, leaving a long shire, where they had been cut the weekend blizzards. Some helped to deliver the child reconnection task. A spokes- off by snow since Saturday systems lost reams of informathe storm, 500,000 customers called in on Sunday to drop operated within the computblankets and warm clothes to ers, the Association of Profes-

> yesterday by airlifting the girls ☐ Howard Stevenson, the from Great Alne to their farmer who is recovering in hospital at Harrogate after Piers Corbyn, who runs the spending 27 hours in a snow igloo, has been told that the London-based forecasting pet dog that he was trying to find in the snow has turned up company Weatherplan Services, said that he had given a safe at a neighbouring farm. warning in July of snow ☐ Ken Sampson, a headstorms in Britain this month. He also predicted that recurmaster who has been without ring snow and freezing conwater and electricity since

ditions would continue Friday, had two letters deliv-The snow caused hundreds trapped in a drift at the village drinks, the court was told. He of computer networks to crash of Emley, near Huddersfield. admitted driving with excess

as power lines went down in A cleaner from a nearby hotel alcohol.

had gone to call for an ambulance. D Philip Hurd, the seven-

year-old son of Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, was rehospital, in Oxford, vesterday after being flown from the family's snowbound home with suspected appendicitis. ☐ Antoine Fortain, a 39-yearold French lorry driver, was fined £600 and banned from driving in Britain for three years by magistrates at Bradford yesterday. Police had stopped him as he drove thoughout December. He ered yesterday his water and his truck through the snow stands to win £1,000 if a White electricity bills. Christmas bet that he placed \( \subseteq A\) woman gave birth in the public house to telephone his

drinks, the court was told. He

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By RICHARD FORD POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

FOUR small businesses in Northern Ireland have been forced to announce publicly members of the security forces after being threatened by the Provisional IRA.

The businesses, two owned by Roman Catholics and two by Protestants, placed advertisements in a newspaper in Co Fermanagh saying they would not deal with members of the Royal Ulster Constabulary, Ulster Defence Regiment and regular army.

Calling for an emergency debate in the Commons yesterday, the Rev ian Paisley, leader of the Democratic Unionist party, said the businessmen had been forced under threats from the IRA to say they would not serve members of the security forces. He said if the advertisements had appeared in Great Britain there would

be a furore in the Commons. The advertisements anpeared in the public notices page of the Enniskillen newspaper Impartial Reporter. Denzil McDaniel, the editor, said: "They are the first such insertions we have had. It is certainly blatant intimidation. We have had very little of this sort of thing in Fermanagh although we have heard of a

lot around Belfast and Derry." The Provisional IRA has used similar tactics against security forces and has killed people working for companies that ignored the threats.



Saved: guides and brownies airlifted from a snowbound hostel at Great Alne, near Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire, leaving an RAF Wessex helicopter yesterday

# Rise and rise of the CD leads to boom for classical music

TWO family doctors who asked pharmaceutical companies for payment before agreeing to check whether they had prescribed potentially dangerous drugs were found guilty yesterday of serious survey of the arts by the professional misconduct. Policy Studies Institute,

Dr Timothy Timberlake, ahed 47, and Dr John Blackmore, aged 48, asked for a £25 fee for checking to see if they had handled the infertility drug and a further £100 to tell patients if they had prescribed it at their practice in West Moors, Wimborne, Dorset. They denied serious pro fessional misconduct and said that they had asked for the money "to protect resources for their patients".

**GPs** found

guilty of

misconduct

The General Medical Council's professional conduct committee in London ruled that the two doctors' registration should be suspended for three months, pending any appeal. The doctors were found not guilty of serious professional misconduct over a leastlet offering to distribute communications to selected patients for commercial

By SIMON TAIT, ARTS CORRESPONDENT CLASSICAL music is booming, thanks to the rise of the compact disc and unprecedented marketing by recording companies, according to the latest Cultural Trends

published today. The report shows that, in the first six months of this year, compact discs accounted for more than half of classical recordings, and classical music increased its share of all recordings from 8 per cent over the same period in 1989 to 11 per cent

"1990 has been an exceptional year for classical music recordings," the re-port says. Sophisticated marketing has also boosted its popularity. The compact disc trade began in 1985 with 3.1

million units and registered

41.7 million in 1989, over-

taking long-playing records

(down from 53 million to

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increased from 55.4 million to 83 million. Of the CDs bought by under-35s in 1988-9, 28 per cent were classical and, for 35-54 age group, 46 per cent of CD sales were of classical music. The televised perfor-

for the first time. Cassettes

mance by Nigel Kennedy the violinist of Vivaldi's Four Seasons helped his recording of the work achieve sales of more than 650,000 by Luciano Pavarotti's ren-

dition of "Nessun Dorma" from Puccini's opera Turandot as the theme for World Cup broadcasts in the summer also gave classical music an unaccustomed pop chart boost. The recording of operatic highlights by Pavarotti, Carreras and Domingo actually reached number one the album charts in

Britons have still some way to go before they match the appreciation of classical musical displayed by the rest

of Europe. The British Phonographic Industry Year Book says: "If the level of classical music sales in the UK is to rise to the levels of between 13 and 18 per cent seen in some European countries, penetration has to be in the younger groups. This is obviously a func-

tion of education and exposure but, with constantly diminishing expenditure on music education in schools and with virtually no classical music radio (radio 3 has a small audience) the chances of increasing the younger audience for recorded classical music remain firmly in the hands of the marketing departments for classica music labels."

London's four main symphony orchestras have also been able to cash in on the CD boom. In 1988/9 the orchestras earned £4.5 million from recordings.

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might take up to two years to

complete the poll tax review,

but a senior source said yesterday: "We recognise that the

government does not have

that sort of time. Councils

discuss their budgets in Janu-

ary and set them in February. We have got to bring some-thing forward by the middle of

January. The longer term is

The source said that if there

was to be a June election, firm

proposals would have to be

ready for the manifesto. "The

great thing about transitional

relief is that it is a system

designed to get specifically to

the people who feel hard done

by under the poll tax. To be

frank, those people on benefits

"The people we have alien-

ated are the people who were paying £100 in rates and now suddenly find themselves pay-ing £700 or more in commu-

nity charge. These people are not well off and they deserve

David Blunkett, Labour's

local government spokesman

said: "We welcome any mea-

sures which provide relief

from the pain of the poll tax, but this scheme is very limited

in its effects and will help for

fewer people that the govern-ment are claiming.

"The fact that the relief is

calculated on a maximum of

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household and that people lose relief if they move house means that any extra help given will be extremely

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Poll tax review set to

help hardest-hit first By DOUGLAS BROOM, LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT

give more belp to those hardest hit by the poll tax are likely to be the first fruits of the government's review of the

Michael Heseltine, the environment secretary, is expected to announce today that the review will be headed by Roger Bright, who is the head of information at the environment department.

Government advisers and senior civil servants are already working on interim measures to help to reduce ext year's poll tax bills. With the prospect of a general election next year, ministers are keen to lessen some of the injustices of the present sys-

tem before they go to the polls. What has emerged so far is a preference for improving the transitional relief scheme, which helps households whose combined poll tax bill is much larger than their old rates bill. The scheme covers anyone whose poll tax is £3 a week more than their rates. Under plans already announced it will be extended in April to cover those paying £2 a week more, at a cost of £570

The scheme has been criticised for raising false expectations because the poll tax figure used to calculate eligibility is a notional figure produced by the department rather than the actual tax levied by each council. It is,

SHORT-term measures to however, simple to admin- cabinet's local government ister, being deducted from sub-committee. Longer-term reforms will be considered by bills at source, and has helped 7.5 million adults this year, another cabinet group, chaired by the prime minister, which 500,000 of them over retirewill sit once firm proposals

ment age. Next year 12 million of the 37 million charge payers in England will benefit. The measure is also cheap. It would be possible to increase the number of people benefiting from the scheme from a third to nearly a half of

all charge payers by spending an extra £500 million. By contrast it would cost £1 billion to reduce average poll tax bills by £28 by giving extra central grant to councils. That option, and improvements to poli tax benefits that help appear close to being ruled out

Any interim measures will

# require the approval of the

#### Ava Gardner ring goes for £209,000 By SARAH JANE CHECKLAND, ART MARKET CORRESPONDENT

recluses, the film star Ava death of her husband in 1985, Gardner and the the miltionairess Dorothea Allen, made a total of nearly £1 million yesterday at Sotheby's

in London. The £355,025 proceeds from Ava Gardner's trousseau will go to her niece and two sisters. Because no heirs have been identified for Mrs Allen's inheritance, the £577,000 raised from her jewels are being claimed by the

Treasury.

Top price among 33 Gardner lots was £209,000 paid by a private buyer for an emerald and diamond cluster ring by Van Cleef & Arpels, 1961. The estimate had been £120,000-£150,000.

in her heyday, Ava Gardner was known for her romances, having married her fellow film star Mickey Rooney and the clarinettist Artie Shaw in quick succession.

In her latter years, the Carolina-born actress retired to Knightsbridge in London where she appreciated the fact that the English "mind their own Goddam business". She died here, aged 68, in January

Top lot among the Allen collection was a large Cartier diamond ring, which fetched A high-living socialite in the Thirties and Forties, who claimed to be on first name terms with Clark Gable and

Errol Flynn, Mrs Allen re-

systematically destroying evidence of her past by burning and shredding documents.

Alexandra Rhodes, of Sotheby's, said: "Lots of people were buying jewellery to wear and paying compet itive prices. But there were slightly below estimates."

Mr Blunkett said that under the existing relief scheme a family of four adults whose rates bill of £350 a year had been replaced by a poli tax of £400 a head would get only £102 relief to mrugate a £1,250 rise in outgoings.



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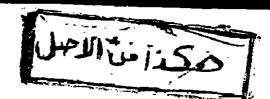
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# Search for a quick profit keeps most shares in few hands

MOST of Britain's new breed of stock market players - one in ten of the population - will be preparing to make an instant profit on shares in the electricity supply industry, confirming fears that while privatisations have been successful they have not led more people to invest in UK plc as

One in ten Britons applied for electricity shares, Drewe Rogerson, the government's privatisation advisers, has disclosed, with the sell-off oversubscribed tenfold, making it the most successful privatisation to date.

Some 12.75 million applications have been received from an estimated 5.7 million people, more than 80 per cent from small investors. The high demand will mean a big scaling down of requests and disappointment for investors who applied for anything but the minimum number of shares.

It is expected, however, that the majority of applicants will sell their shares at the first opportunity, taking profits of up to 40 per cent in time for Christmas. Many others will hold on to their shares, still hoping for an eventual profit but also to take advantage of loyalty discount bonuses on their electricity bills.

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In determining allocations, registered customers and small investors will be given priority. Most applicants, 10.2 million, asked for 500 or fewer shares. Subscribers have pledged £17 billion, on the basis of the full 240p share price, and the electricity issue far outshines British Gas, previously the most popular privatisation, which had 4.5 million applications.

Share certificates were due to be posted by December 19, but because of the demand and problems caused by the weather, the deadline has been moved to

In spite of the privatisation programme of the last decade, the Stock Exchange says that small investors have not taken to wider share ownership promoted by the Thatcher governments, because buying and selling shares was perceived

as too complicated. Fourteen per cent of shareholders hold shares that they bought through the stock market, while the rest of Britain's II million shareholders bought them through privatisations. David Jones, chief executive of Sharelink, said that was because banks and stockbrokers were not interested in catering for the small investor holding one or two privatisation stocks.

like \*Operations Sharelink are the product of the failings of Big Bang.

In spite of the tenfold oversubscription in the electricity sell-off, and past privatisation successes, Britain has not become a nation of shareholders, David Young writes

Deregulation should have meant wider share ownership, but banks and stockbrokers are not that interested because their businesses are geared to large deals or well-heeled private clients," he said.

The Confederation of British Industry has estimated that the proportion of British shares held by pri-vate investors fell to 20 per cent last year, down from 30 per cent in 1980. Institutional investors held 60 per cent and the remainder was held by the government and other British and overseas investors.

Around 6.5 million private shareholders had holdings in only one company and only 0.3 million held shares in 11 or more companies. Holdings are overwhelmingly in privatisation issues.

The British Telecom flotation attracted 1.2 million registrations and 2.3 million applications. Enthusiasm for privatisations grew with the TSB flotation, for which 3.1 million people registered and five million applied. The pattern was reversed in the 1986 gas flotation, which had 7.5 million registrations and 4.5 million applications.

Dealings in BP started just after the crash of 1987. which explains why 6.5 million registrations resulted in just 250,000 applications. British Steel attracted 1.5 million registrations and 650,000 applications.

According to research from the Stock Exchange and the Association of investment Trust Companies, people see privatisations mainly as a way to make a quick profit. The crash of 1987 was seen as a warning that investing on the stock market was risky. but privatisations were considered low risk.

The CBl has found that although millions have



the move to a share-owning democracy is steadily being lost to the institutions. In 1975, individuals beld nearly 40 per cent of the value of Britain's listed companies. Now they own just 20 per cent. Ownership of Britain's

listed companies, which provide most of the country's prosperity, lies in the hands of some 60 investment groups, who control billions of pounds of other people's money. Public ignorance of investing in shares, and the part it plays in creation, is damaging to the economy as a whole, the CBI says,

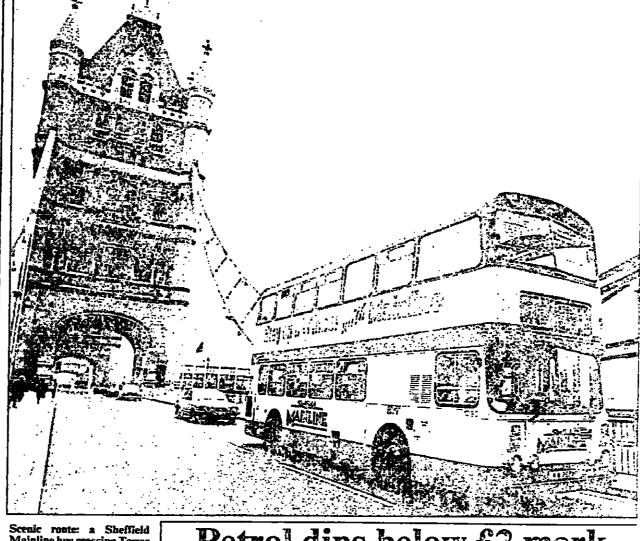
John Banham, the confederation's director-general, said: "Personal savings in the UK in 1988 accounted for under 3 per cent of gross domestic product. This compared with 8 per cent in France, the US and Germany, and 15 per cent in Japan.

To increase the number of individuals regularly investing in the stock market the CBI has proposed a tax-free allowance of £1,200 a year for direct investment in shares as well as other measures and a campaign by retail stockbrokers and the International Stock Exchange to promote the benefits of shares. It wants the relaxation of rules to allow companies to promote their own shares and encouragement for employees to own shares and share options in

their own companies. The CBI also points out, however, that investing in shares is riskier than putting money in a building society because share prices can go down as well as up, but over long periods the rewards can outstrip the return purely from interest. A £1,000 share investment in 1980 would, on average, be worth about £4,000 now, but only £2,200 if it had been held in a

building society. Commenting on the CBI study Fred Carr, a director of the brokers W.I. Carr, said: The stock market is a vicious place full of professionals who have been at it for a long time. Ordinary people may not have enough money for a good spread of risk or to interest a good adviser. It is improper to advise the man on the Clapham omnibus to take his money off deposit and

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Mainline bus crossing Tower Bridge in London might be thought to have taken an unpardocably long detour.

In fact, it is one of several that have been hired to meet a shortage of vehicles on route 78 between Shoreditch and Forest Hill. The contract to run the service was won by ndon and Country Buses of Reigate, which took over last month. The company not received all the 11 new vehicles required for route 78 and has made good the deficiency by hiring from South Yorkshire Transport.

By KEVIN EASON MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

PETROL from Shell yesterday dipped below the £2 a gallon mark for the first time since July, signalling the start of another round of price cuts. Shell cut 9.1p (2p a litte) from all grades of petrol to take four-star leaded down to 199.6p (43.9p) and unleaded to 186p (40.9p). Diesel falls

£2 a gallon threshold. As joint supplies next year. market leader with Esso, Shell's move is certain to precipitate a round of price cuts. Fina, one of the smaller companies, set the scene for further price cuts at the weekend by reducing the cost of a gailon by 7.3p.

6.4p (1.4p a litre) to 197.8p to rapidly weakening prices of to where the (43.5p). Shell, which has 2,800 bulk oil and petrol on markets end of July.

filling stations, is the first of encouraged by the prospects of the big oil companies to break peace in the Gulf, which the psychologically important would ensure the safety of oil Petrol peaked at 239.6p on

October I but has since turnbled by about 40p to the levels operating before the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait on August 2. Jim Slavin, Shell's retail division director, said last night: "This latest reduction Oil companies were reacting brings our petrol prices back to rapidly weakening prices of to where they were before the brings our petrol prices back

Council . officials questioned on sell-off

> By STEWART TENDLER CKIME CURPESPONDENT

THE former chief executive of West Wiltshire district council and three senior officials were arrested yesterday by police investigating the privatisation of the council's computer services.

Last night one man was released on medical grounds and the other three were expected to be sent nome on police bail. All four were taken to Chippenham police station for questioning. The arrests were made by Wiltshire CID officers led by Det Supt Brian Reed, deputy head of the county's CID, after an eight-month enquiry. Forty police were involved in the arrests, which could be followed by others.

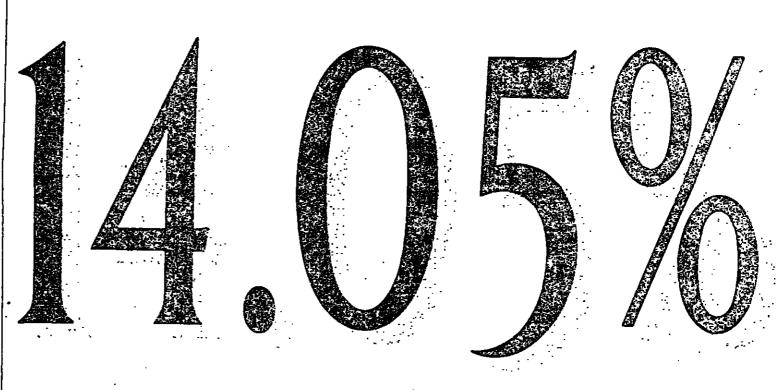
Gerald Garland, the former chief executive, was arrested at 72m by Wiltshire police, who called at his home in Frome, Somerset, Documents are reported to have been scized by the officers.

Two of the other men arrested were Rodeer White and Roger Pugh, director of land management. Mr Pugh was released from questioning after some hours for medical reasons.

Both men were suspended' in June after the district auditor's report into the formation of the private company West Wiltshire Information Systems Ltd. A disciplinary hearing that will be conducted internally by the council has been adjourned until the end of next month.

The fourth man arrested was Frank Archer, the district council's former director of technical services, who retired

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#### Attack on road plan for marsh

By JOHN YOUNG

THE transport department has shown blatant disregard for a nationally important wildlife habitat in its proposals to re-route the AI3 over Rainham marshes, in east London, the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds will tell

a public enquiry today. The society claims that the route would cut across the north-west corner of a large area of grazing marsh, and would have a drastic effect on many important species of birds, insects and flowers.

The Inner Thames Marshes site of special scientific interest covers 1,184 acres and is the largest in London. Among the birds that breed there are lapwing, shoveler, redshank, sedge warbler, reed warbler, reed bunting, stonechat, yellow wagtail and linnet. Grey partridge and short-eared owls would also be affected, the RSPB says.

The society is presenting evidence jointly with the Nature Conservancy Council (NCC) and the London Wildlife Trust to the enquiry, which began in October at Grays, Essex.

The NCC is also concerned about plans announced last year by MCA, parent company of Universal Studios, to build a 1,000-acre theme park and entertainment complex on part of the marshes beside the new road. It would be designed by Steven Spielberg, the film maker, and it is estimated that it would attract five million visitors a year.

Havering council said yesterday that it expected to hear early next year whether MCA intended to go ahead with its plans. The company was recently bought by the Matsushita corporation of Japan.

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# Renton hints at funding for RSC at Barbican

By SIMON TAIT, ARTS CORRESPONDENT

ing boost from the Arts Council's new enhancement fund, but will have to avoid political gestures and confirm its commitment to the Barbican, Tim Renton, the arts minister, indicated yesterday.

Speaking for the first time about his immediate priorities after taking over the Office of Arts and Libraries, Mr Renton said that his first priority was allocations from the £22.5 million fund and that the RSC would be considered.

He said, however. "I was dismayed in the last month or two that things had become very political. That had not helped the RSC's cause. The company has closed the

Barbican theatre, leased from the Corporation of London, to stop its deficit rising to an unmanageable £4.2 million. Mr Renton said that the last productions staged before the Barbican was closed - particularly Moscow Gold, about the aftermath of perestroika under Mr Gorbachev, which played to conspicuously small audiences — were not sensible choices.

A suggestion that the RSC may not return to the Barbican without adequate funding was called a "political gesture" by the managing director of the Barbican, and relations between the company and the Barbican reached their lowest ebb when the theatre was closed at the

beginning of November. Mr Renton said: "We don't want this to happen again. It seems it all went wrong and it shouldn't go wrong again."

On Thursday, he will meet Peter Palumbo, chairman of the Arts Council, and Anthony Everitt, its secretarygeneral, to discuss recommendations on allocations from the general fund and the enhancement fund, to be made at a special meeting of the full Arts Council next

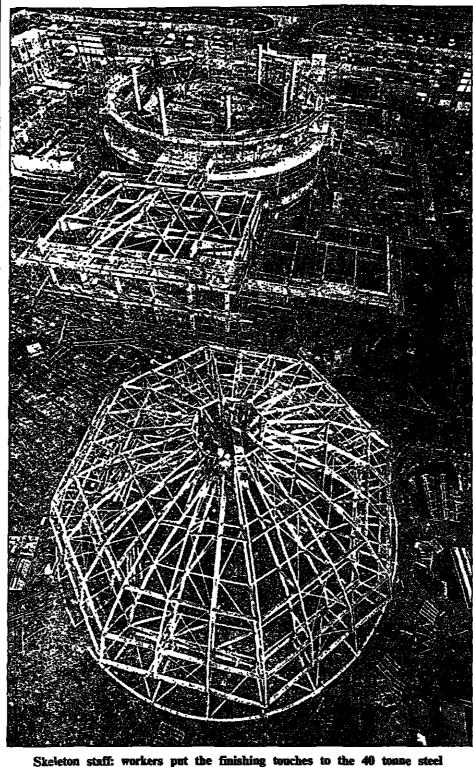
The arts minister's second priority is devolution: the delegation of Arts Council funding to new regional arts boards. He will meet a delegation of local authorities, many of whom are unhappy at the Renton's predecessor, to re-

THE Royal Shakespeare by the minister. That gave rise Company can expect a fund- to fears that Mr Mellor intended to be interventionist over the biggest shake-up of the structure of arts subsidy in Britain since the founding of the Arts Council in 1946. Some local authorities have even threatened to stop arts funding in protest at having only three representatives in the 12 members of the boards. as recommended by Mr

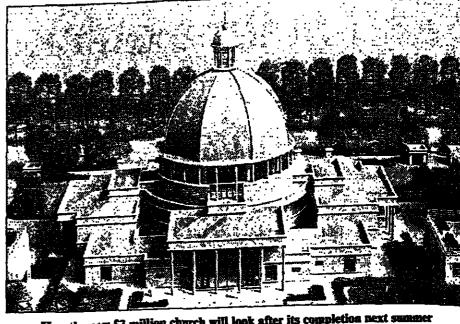
tionist" Mr Renton said. There is often a devil in these things and it's only when you get into the detail that the, devil appears. But I don't take too seriously threats about cutting funds."

He is also concerned about the Royal Opera House's development scheme, which will cost £200 million. "There is an enormous cash flow gap. They need £60 million from the private sector and the opera house have said that, in the present climate, they are not going to get it. But we have said they are not going to get it filled by the government. They have got to rethink what they are going to do, and I am eager to see their modified

The opera house has an nounced that, although there will be no government funding next year for the scheme, they intend to go ahead with it, albeit on a longer timetable. "We are not going into it this year, but it is in my gift to Treasury for next year," Mr



Skeleton staff: workers put the finishing touches to the 40 tonne steel framework of the 66ft dome, due to be lifted into place later this month



new £3 million church will look after its completion next summ

### City's new multi-faith church prepares to raise the roof

By RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS REPORTER

CHURCHGOERS in Milton Keynes will soon be praying beneath a roof bearing a striking resemblance to that of St Paul's in London. The octagonal dome will this month be lifted on to the £3 million city church, Britain's first ecumenical city church, which is on schedule for completion by next summer.

The five Christian de-nominations involved have contributed £1 million between them and an anonymous benefactor this week donated £100,000 towards the £2 million appeal, which is £1.5 million towards its target. The 120ft church, called Christ the Cornerstone, will be one of the highest buildings in the city.

The Rev Hugh Cross, the first ever inter-denomination leader for a whole city, has been appointed by the Milton Keynes Christian Council as ecumenical moderator, equivalent, the coun-

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Mr Truscott rang again at 11pm and she told him about

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cil says, to a bishop. Mr Cross, who will be based at the church, will move to the city next month. A congregation has already begun worshipping based in the

city's library.

The building is designed on classical lines and the dome is about half the size of St Paul's. The dome's 66ft diameter steel framework has used 40 tonnes of steelwork and stands nearly 40ft high, it will be finished in lead and will support a glazed and colonnaded lantern with an orb and cross on

The new church will be shared by Anglican, Roman Catholic, Baptist, United Reformed and Methodist worshippers. Milton Keynes is an exceptionally ecumenical city and already boasts 29 united congressions.

Mr Cross said: "It will be a central church for all the churches in Milton Keynes. a cathedral, but it will be that sort of place. The church will be not only a place of worship but will have a number of other rooms and offices to serve the community. It is a splendid building

and very exciting."
Mr Cross, ecumenical officer for England with the defunct British Council of Churches, is a Baptist-trained minister and has worked as a missionary bookseller in Zambia. He will be paid a senior minister's salary of about

The church will hold a congregation of nearly 600. and as well as being used as a place of worship will become a meeting place for workers and visitors to the city. A "centre for independent living" will provide a training and information centre for people in the city with

# Arts ministry's role may grow | Duty officer 'was at | Call for reduction

AN ENHANCED arts ministry, to take in broadcasting and to be prepared to tackle competition from European countries and joint media projects with them, might be proposed in the next Conservative election manifesto.

Tim Renton, the new arts minister, who was broadcasting minister at the Home Office before becoming government chief whip 13 months ago, denied that he wanted promotion to the cabinet as head of an enlarged department, but conceded that there was logic in combining arts and media in a department that was already more concerned than any decision by David Mellor, Mr other with assisting the creative process.

Asked whether he would advocate it as have the chairman appointed whip in the television political drama House of left office as arts minster in the summer.

Cerds, saying: "You may think that, but I couldn't possibly say so.

"With less than 18 months at the most before the general election, I have other priorities to attend to before addressing what our

paragraph in the election manifesto might be." Mr Renton welcomed the fact that for the first time culture was to be on the agenda of the Inter-Governmental Conference of EC nations beginning on Saturday.

Mr Renton is anxious to tackle the problem of the export of works of art to Europe, both now and after 1992 when trade barriers within the EC are removed. He said that he wanted to hear from the working party studying the issue

# poisoning spread

dog-training class instead of 30 to 45 minutes. He said he dealing with complaints about was taking his dog to obedi-Britain's worst water poison- ence classes and we had a bit

hours were lost because Raymond Truscott, the stand-by officer, failed to call and then told his headabout the incident at Camelford, north Cornwall. Although he guessed straight away from complaints that chemical pollution was the problem, it was not for another two days that the real fault was found, Exeter Crown

Court was told. The control room at South West Water's headquarters was swamped with complaints when the acid water started reaching homes. Susan Jones, telephone controller, said she quickly realised the seriousness of the complaints but could not find anyone to act on them. The now-extinct South West Water Authority denies causing a public nuisance and poisoning the Camel with aluminium sulphate. The jury has heard how 20 tons of the chemical were accidentally dumped into the mains at Lowermoor

treatment works near Camelford in 1988. The Crown alleges that the authority, which has since been privatised, failed its customers by failing to diagnose the problem quickly enough and failing to issue a warning

of the dangers. Mrs Jones said she took two complaints before 8.04pm. when Mr Truscott made a routine check-in. "At that stage I did not tell him anything about Camelford. He said he had a previous engage-

#### Karpov has 19th game postponed

By RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

THERE was no play last night in the World Chess Championship in Lyons, France, after Anatoly Karpov, the chal-lenger, asked for the 19th game to be postponed until Wednesday.

Each player in the championship has the right to postpone three games, after informing the arbiter of their intention by midday local time. Kasparov, the defending champion, and Karpov each have one "time out" left.

Karpov's time out came as no surprise after the battering he received in the 18th game, which he resigned on Sunday

Kasparov now leads by 91/4 points to 81/2. There are six games left in this \$3 million contest. The winner will be the first player to score 12%

# night class' as water of permitted lead

the Consumers' Association, says (John Young writes).

Last year a government micrograms. The average for adults should be no more than 30 micrograms.

Water suppliers are advised to inform customers if tests show a level of more than 50 micrograms, but those are not necessarily an accurate guide, since most lead contamination comes from domestic

pipes and tanks. The use of lead for new pipes was not banned until 1976, and lead-based solder on copper pipes not until last lead levels should ask their

THE permitted maximum of supplier for advice or ask an 50 micrograms of lead in a environmental health officer litre of drinking water is too to test a sample taken first high and should be reduced, a thing in the morning, after the report in Which Way to water has been standing Health, published today by overnight.

"High levels of lead are a proven health hazard." David Dickinson, the magazine's report advised that water for editor, says. "Even at low babies' bottles should contain levels lead can interfere with no more than 10 to 15 red blood cell formation and vitamin D metabolism.

The article advises people to run the cold water tap for three minutes first thing in the morning, and for one minute in the pipes for more than a few hours: to take drinking and cooking water from the cold tap in the kitchen; and not to use tap water for babies' bottle feeds. The article suggests that hard water may be better for people's health than soft water. Studies suggest that year. Those concerned about it offers some protection against beart disease.



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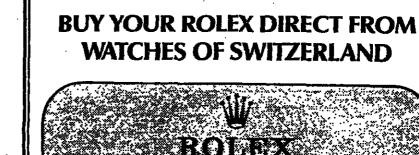
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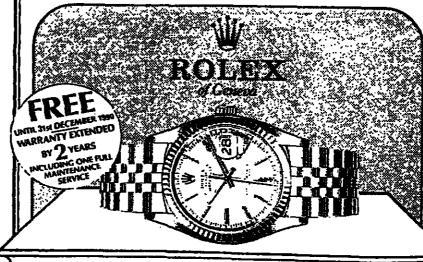
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# Judge sends sisters home in ritual abuse hearing

ter," the statement said.

He added that the parents were

delighted by the outcome and

wished to return to a normal life as

soon as possible. Two of the sisters

have lived at home pending the outcome of the wardship

The three girls were among 20 temporary wardship cases which Rochdale council had sought to

make permanent after allegations

the remaining 17 children is to continue and the hearing is ex-

A statement from David Venables, Official Solicitor to the

Supreme Court, issued after the

hearing began, said that the judge

had ordered that there be no

further media speculation about

the cases and that no approach be

made by the media to any of the

parties involved while the

A statement said the hearing

would take many weeks and there

would be a full and detailed

investigation. All the parents are represented by counsel and solicitors, and the children are

represented by the Official Solici-

tor. In the interests of the children,

their anonymity is being

The parents of the children have

denied the accusations, which

came after statements from a boy

aged six to his teacher. Investiga-

tions by Greater Manchester police did not, however, uncover

any evidence on which criminal

health department to examine the

way in which they handled child abuse cases, and the inspectors were critical at the way in which

some cases, unrelated to the 20

children involved in the present

@ Police and social workers are

working together to investigate

child sexual abuse cases, according

The study by Surrey university

indicated that that 89 per cent of

police forces and three-quarters of

social services departments jointly

interview abused children, al

though fewer conduct joint inter-

views with families. The findings were disclosed at a London con-

ference on the investigation of

child sexual abuse, which was

organised by the Police Founda-

The figures also show that 21

per cent of police and 19 per cent of social services departments

jointly interview witnesses. A

small number of social services

departments are present during

About two-thirds of all police

forces and social services depart-

ments use video recorders when

interviewing children. Video-

tapes will soon be allowed as

evidence in the prosecution of sex

Sue Conroy, a research fellow at the university, who helped pro-

duce the survey, said: "The more

both sides work together, the

better chance there is of develop-

ing a joint understanding of the

problem and avoiding pro-

offenders.

police interviews with suspects.

an independent research

to the findings of a national

proceedings, were handled.

Rochdale council invited the

charges could be brought.

proceedings were in progress.

pected to last six weeks.

THREE sisters who were made wards of court after allegations of ritual abuse returned to the permanent care of their parents yesterday. Proceedings relating to the sisters from Rochdale, aged 7, il and 16, were abandoned at the High Court in Manchester, and they were allowed home after Mr Justice Douglas Brown heard evidence in private.

A statement authorised by the judge from Gerry Gibson, solicitor for the parents of the children, said that, on the recommendation of Rochdale metropolitan borough council, the three children had been "de-warded".

"It was conceded by Rochdale and accepted by the court that there were no substantive grounds to any allegations in respect of these three children. There has been no criticism of my clients, the parents, throughout the mat-

#### Life sentence for parcel bomb attack

Terence Thornton, a millionaire antiques dealer, was yesterday jailed for life after being found guilty of attempting to murder his former lover with a parcel bomb. Thornton, aged 59, was given two life sentences by Sheffield crown court for attempted murder and conspiracy to murder Eileen

Caulton, aged 48. Thornton, of Bakewell, Derbyshire, had hired a hit man to kill Miss Caulton, whose left arm was blown off when she opened the parcel bomb.

#### Cucumber robber

Carl Lancaster, aged 30, an unemployed signwriter from King's Cross, London, who, armed with a cucumber, held up a petrol sta-tion, was yesterday jailed for three and a half years.

#### Bank attack

Two workmen were taken to hospital with head injuries last night after they surprised a man with a pistol and an iron bar in the basement of a bank in Torquay,

#### Water ban stays

wall will stay in force because reservoirs are still not full in spite of long periods of heavy rain, South West Water said yesterday.

#### Braille cards

Cardiff central library has introduced a free service to print Christmas cards in braille.

#### Seaplane taxi

East Lindsey district council yesterday approved a seaplane taxi service across the Wash between Skegness, Lincolnshire, and Hunstanton, Norfolk.

#### Rig worker killed

George Murray, aged 37, a married man from Buckie, Grampian, was killed on a North Sea drilling rig yesterday when he was struck by a giant water hose,

# The homeless: action to focus on private sector

# Return of the caring approach

Government efforts to help the roofless are hampered by factors beyond ministers' control, Jamie Dettmer reports

IN LINE with the government's efforts to project a more com-passionate image. Sir George Young, the housing minister, is to review several aspects of the environment department's policy on homelessness. His colleagues hope that he will have a greater impact on the problem of homelessness than his Conser-

vative predecessors.
As Christmas approaches, the plight of Britain's growing army of homeless has yet again provoked widespread concern and led to fierce attacks on the government's handling of a problem that has got worse in the past ten years. Ministers are aware that the government is widely seen as being uncaring about the homeless, and they are now keen to admit that past Conservative policies may have increased the chances of the poor ending up on the streets or in seedy bed-and-

The Labour party has clearly been able to score points off the government's approach to homelessness. At times, the gov-ernment, eager to think the unthinkable and say the unsayable, seemed to invite outraged criticism. The nadir in right-wing radical approaches to homelessness probably came in the summer of 1988 when Nicholas Ridley, the then environment secretary, considered the idea of withdrawing benefit rights from homeless people who refused to stay in their "home" council area. The aim of the plan was to try to deter destitute people from flooding into the main cities. The plan was leaked and attacked as

unworkable. Mr Ridley's idea came to light during an earlier lengthy review after the widespread media coverage of the plight of young people sleeping rough in London, Manchester and other big cities. Technically, those who skeep rough are described as being



Dave Hayes, aged 28 (left), Alan Scott, aged 22, and Tony Cromwell, aged 33, unemployed and living rough in the Waterloo bullring

roofless. The roofless numbers are tiny in comparison to the 300,000 or so who are in temporary accommodation but have no secure or permanent home. In London, there are probably under 2,000 people who sleep rough. The number of homeless is much higher, with 31,734 families now in temporary accommodation in the capital. More than 8,000 of these homeless families are in bed-and-breakfasts.

Last summer, the National Audit Office said the number of households accepted by local councils as homeless had risen from 53,000 in 1978 to 126,000 in 1989. There have been several factors behind this rise, many of them beyond government control. One startling factor lies with the sharp increase in the number of households, which is in itself a reflection of the marital break-up

families. One estimate suggested that between 1986 and 2001 the population will increase by 3.8 per cent while the number of households will rise by 11.1 per cent. Housing charities say that other factors that have encouraged homelessness, such as the fall-off in public housebuilding, are within the government's control. The right-to-buy policy has been hugely successful and very popular and has allowed many working class people to fulfil a deeply-held ambition to own their homes. But, as the National Audit Office has pointed out, it has led to a dramatic decrease in publicowned properties that could have

been used for the homeless. Government efforts to stimulate a compensating growth in the private rental sector have failed. Despite the Housing Act of 1988,

allowed landlords to charge "market rents", there has been no significant growth in the number of privately rented homes.

According to environment department sources, Sir George is keen to discover why the government's attempts to encourage an expansion of the private rental sector have had little impact. More than 600,000 privately owned properties are empty. It is likely that he will try to devise more ways of increasing the number of privately rented homes at prices the needy can

Sir George is also likely to want to help local authorities bring back into use the 100,000 council houses which are empty. The environment department has already earmarked £300 million over two years for empty prop-

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MPs upset at failure to halt rise

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By SHEILA GUNN POLITICAL REPORTER

THE Commons public accounts committee yesterday criticised the failure of government initiatives to halt the rise of homeless families. The chairman, Robert Shel-

don, complained about the reliance on expensive, unsafe bed-and-breakfast accommodation to house the homeless and the number of government-owned properties lying empty.

Sir Terence Heiser, the environment department's permanent secretary, told MPs that the homeless figures were rising. In the first six months of this year 72,830 people were accepted as statutory homeless by local authorities, a rise of 15 per cent on last year. The number of modation rose from 38,000 for the first six months of 1989 to 43,040 for the same period this year.

Mr Sheldon pointed out that the costs of housing the homeless in bed-and-breakfast places rose from £22 million 1984-5 to £142 million in 1987-8. The average cost of housing people in such accommodation had risen by 245 per cent between 1983 and 1987.

Mr Sheldon also criticised Sir Terence for putting the blame on local authorities. He said that 35,100 empty properties were owned by government departments, a rate of 18.1 per cent, compared to a local authority rate of 2.4 per

# Study leads to Salvation Army rethink

IN THE driving sleet of early until Antil next year. December, London's West End shop doorways are home to youths who sit dejected, bundled in blankets with the packaging from their fast food suppers tossed carelessly at their feet.

Along the road, one of the Salvation Army's oldest hostels for the homeless has empty beds in the dormitory, as it does on every night of the year.

The situation is so puzzling that the charity commissioned a twoyear study from Surrey university to discover how to spend the funds it has been putting aside for a new initiative. The results have been a

The Salvation Army has decided not to publish the findings until it has decided how to respond, which is expected to take King, a charity spokesman, said: "What we are presented with has forced us, after 100 years in the night shelter business, to completely rethink our philosophy." The report claims that there are

around 2,000 people sleeping rough in London, 30,000 in 18,000 in hostels and 25,000 in bed and breakfast accommodation. It also suggests that the need is not so much for night shelters but for greater efforts to assist people to return to independent living.

"People want different things There are lots of people who would rather go to sleep on the streets drunk than sober in a warm bed," Mr King said.

The dilemma facing the charity well known to the St Mungo

Association, which caters for 500 some experience of institutions. homeless people on 30 sites, offering employment training and psychiatric rehabilition to encourage people to stand on their

Mick Carroll, a member of the association, says that the problem stems from the different catagories making up the homeless population. The young tend to live in the Strand and Covent Garden, with a more sophisticated group living in the violence of cardboard city near Waterloo station. Around north London and Lincoln's Inn Fields are the older group of ex-

pyschiatric patients who make up half of the capital's homeless population. Of the younger group third have been in care

the intermediate stage before they can be popping into the Savoy The first step to altering their

outlook is going into a hostel where they come into contact for the first time with people who work. "That is when they start to see that people have to do overtime to pay their mortgages. They really are out of touch with reality and are difficult people to interest in anything positive which requires effort," Mr Carroll added. immediately prior to living on the street and 40 per cent have had

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# Move by Gorbachev designed to counter flagging KGB morale

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shal Dmitri Yazov, stated that mands, by special decree in the army had the right to fire on civilians who attacked and food distribution. The new interior minister. Boris Pugo, conveyed his message of iron discipline and social

been authorised to speak by unpopular. the president and none implied any threat to the present Soviet leadership.

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by Vladimir Kryuchkov, the port of the army high com- is not high. The withdrawal gered Soviet radicals but left interior ministry, and the only cosmetic) in defence many ordinary Russians cold. KGB, however, this does not spending, poor conditions for They regarded Mr Kryuch- necessarily mean that he could returning officers, and the kov's statement that the count on all of them equally or Afghanistan experience have Soviet intelligence services absolutely in a crisis. Each all contributed to this, coupled and their troops were ready to agency has its own armed troops, which have different rule wherever it was found as functions and different

The interior ministry troops unsurprising, are thought to number up to Mr Kryuchkov's broadcast 400,000, including the feared was the third by a leader of the anti-riot squads, the Omon. They were made directly responsible to the president, the most alarming and so separated from the The defence minister, Mararmy and the KGB com-

While the Omon have the military property and the right reputation for professional to take over power stations ruthlessness, the ordinary inscripts. The use of the interior troops, in preference to the regular army or KGB, in civil disorders has made service in All three claimed to have the interior troops highly

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task of the interior troops. uties wanted a tougher approach, it was theirs for the to be deployed, however, asking. If President without back-up from the

THE chilling warnings given the almost unquestioning sup- army, as in the interior troops mand, the leadership of the from Eastern Europe, cuts (if with the feeling until recently that Mr Gorbachev was not paying due attention to the

military. The president has no guarantee that even the regular army could enforce Soviet rule in the outlying republics.

The KGB troops, who constitute the elite of an elite, are the ones he must increasingly rely on. KGB troops guard Soviet leaders and control especially sensitive military installations, including all nuclear facilities.

The KGB also has branches in the army and the interior ministry, where they are believed to exert tight control.

Recently, however, even the KGB has shown signs of restiveness.

But there is no evidence of would greatly weaken its effectiveness. The best way of raising KGB morale is probably to widen its remit and give it a freer hand. If Mr Kryuchkov's statement is an indication, that is exactly what President Gorbachev has



Making an exit: John Gotti, accused of offences under a gang-by leaving the FBI's Manhattan offices after his dramatic arrest in Little Italy

# Movie moguls upstaged by FBI club raid

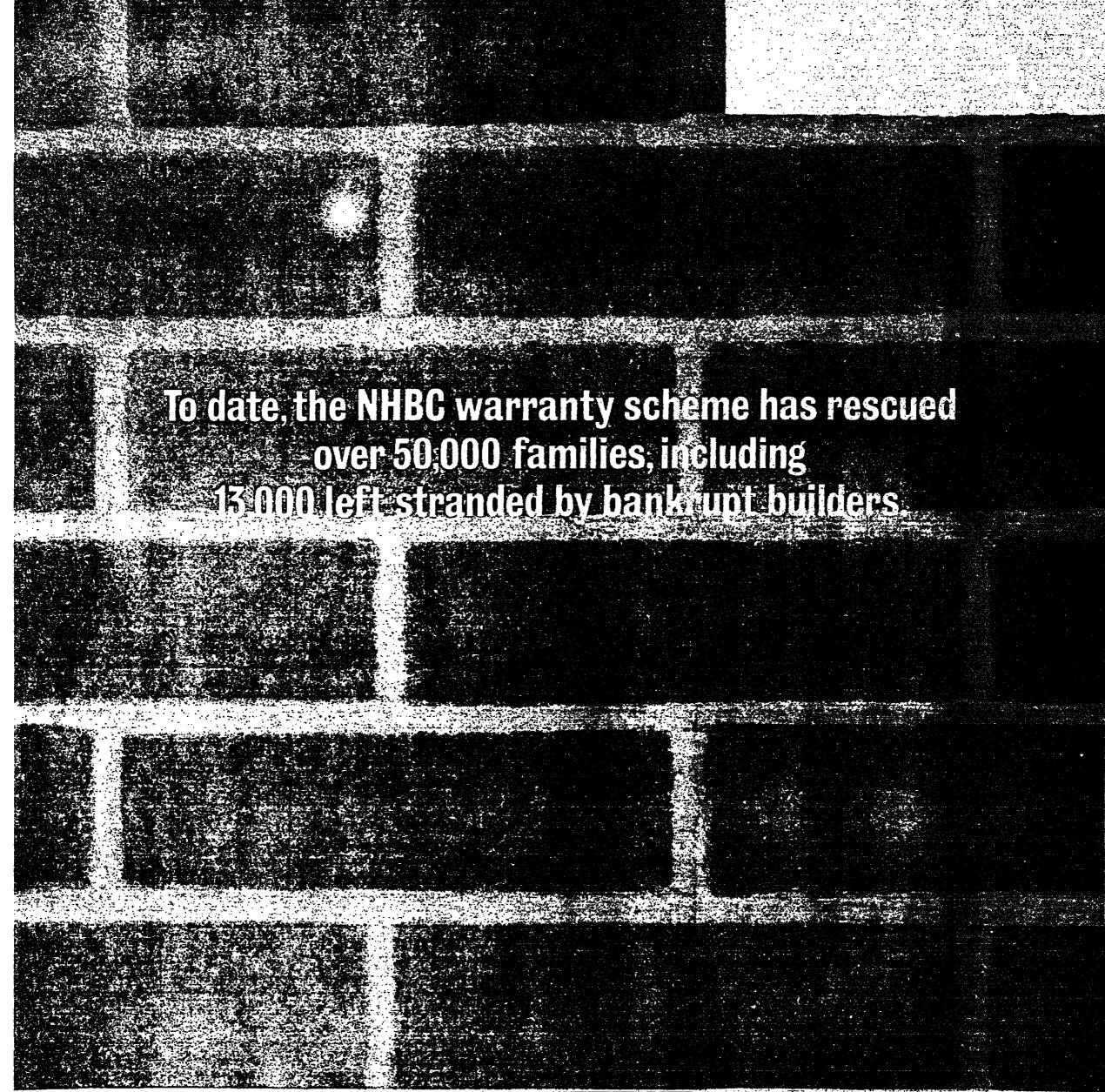
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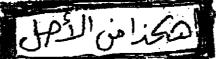
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The self-styled plumbing House in Manhattan live
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FRANCIS Ford Coppola in nearby Prace Street. Two might be forgiven a little envy.

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leged place of business on cessor as boss of the Mulberry Street, the location Cambines, who was guinned silk scarf, was driven up to the charge Mr Gotti with murder-





# Beaten Tyminski must remain in Poland for slander investigation

STANISLAW Tyminski, the Polish-Canadian emigré businessman who unsuccessfully contested the presidential election, has been ordered by the prosecutor-general not to leave Poland until defamation charges have been properly

Mr Tyminski repeatedly threatened during the election campaign to reveal damaging facts about the president, Lech Walesa, but never did. He also accused the prime minister, Tadeusz Mazowiecki, of treason. Mr Tyminski yesterday vowed to fight on politically in Poland, "even from a prison cell if necessary".

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yesterday gave Mr Walesa 74.25 per cent of the vote and Mr Tyminski 25.75 per cent. Mr Tyminski confirmed yesterday that he would challenge the result in the supreme court, arguing that his supporters were deliberately intimidated. The appeal, however, is not given any chance of success.

Turnout was low at 53.4 per cent, but Mr Walesa can still claim the support of about 10.6 million

him to create his special brand of presidency - a blend of troubleshooting sheriff, patching up worker unrest, and political power-broker, making and breaking governments. "It is not yet the victory I intended, it is only a certain stage. We have got rid of the system that lasted 45 years, now we must start building a new system. I will try to provide room for everybody so that we can build

Mr Walesa's emphasis is on healing the rifts he opened up by pressing for early presidential elections and aiming his campaign against the government of Mr Mazowiecki. The prime minister resigned a fortnight ago, but his decision has not yet been accepted by parliament. He is expected to be allowed to resign on Thursday

"Mazowiecki has greatly con-tributed to our victory," Mr Walesa said. "As a patriot he will find a way of serving Poland. We shall see what sort of place it will be." Mr Mazowiecki has already started to form his own party, a

a question about Mr Walesa's

welcoming the result, he declared

that "the Polish people have made

their choice, as is their sacred

right". He went on: "We are

neighbours who have always co-

operated ... and we would like to

hope that this co-operation will

move forward under the new

Chancellor, was much warmer in

congratulating Mr Walesa, and assured him that united Germany

was a good neighbour (Reuter

of a movement in Europe that also

brought unity in freedom to the

German people," Herr Kohl said in a message to Mr Walesa,

adding: "Our two people are ...

called upon to contribute to the

creation of a future Europe."

Poland stood at the beginning

reports from Bonn).

Helmut Kohl, the German

While making no pretence of

victory in his stride.

### Kremlin cool over Walesa poll victory

PRESIDENT Gorbachev yesterday wished Lech Walesa, a fellow Nobel Prize winner, good luck as Polish head of state, using language that was cordial but contained no trace of the warmth or congratulations that might be expected between leaders of nominally allied countries.

"History and life prove convincingly the need to develop cooperation and interaction between our states and peoples," Mr Gorbachev said in a telegram, adding that he hoped for the development of "friendly and good-neighbourly relations ... in the interests of both countries and the construction of a new

The foreign ministry, meanwhile, did not volunteer any comment about Poland in its usual news round-up for the press. Mr Yuri Gremitskikh, one of its senior spokesmen, however, took

Friday.

the moderate Christian democrat and social democrat strands of Solidarity.

Mr Walesa's goal is to bolster a political centre that will support his concept of reform. That entails a crash course in party pluralism with each Solidarity faction developing its left-wing or right-wing creed. At the same time these parties would retain a Solidarity code, their Solidarity roots and speak a common language. To that end, Mr Walesa has sounded out several candidates for the premiership. The most likely contender seems to be Jan Olszewski, a political defence lawyer in his sixties.

In 1956 he was associated with the young reform socialists grouped round the weekly Po Prosiu, but since then he has veered to the right and is a Roman Catholic activist, well trusted by the church hierarchy. His links with Mr Walesa go back to November 1980, when he helped to register Solidarity as a trade

The key question is whether the finace minister, Leszek Balcerowicz, will be kept on. This is an important signal to the West and the International Monetary Fund which regards highly his plan to shift Poland to a market economy. Mr Walesa says he wants to retain Dr Balcerowicz, but at the same time insists on "corrections" to the programme.

This means making life easier for farmers, keeping some food producer and retail subsidies and giving them soft credit lines. Whether Dr Balcerowicz can accept such a fundamental dilution remains to be seen. In the current negotiations he' has become a pivotal figure.

Yesterday Adam Michnik, the most vociferous critic of Mr Walesa during the election, swore his loyalty to the new president in a front-page article in the daily Gazeta Wyborcza. Whether this will be loyal support or loyal opposition depends on Mr Walesa's sensitivity towards the Balcerowicz programme.

Mr Walesa is trying to establish continuity with the Mazowiecki government by assembling a cabinet balanced between Walesa and Mazowiecki loyalists.

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## Protests at home mar peace prize award for Gorbachev

SEVERAL dozen demonstrators. denouncing President Gorbachev's tough line on nationalism, protested yesterday against his having been awarded the Nobel

peace prize.
"It is not a prize for peace, it is a prize for someone who wants to preserve an empire," said Mikhail Gorin, deputy chairman of Narodnaya Rada, a nationalist faction in the Ukraine parliament, and one of ten Ukrainians who

came to Moscow for the protest. Mr Gorbachev, who is battling with breakaway republics and a crumbling economy, decided not to attend yesterday's peace prize ceremony in Norway because of the critical situation. Instead he was in the Kremlin at a plenary session of the Communist Party's Central Committee.

The Norwegian organisers awarded the peace prize to the Soviet leader in recognition of his efforts to promote disarmament and to end the Cold War. One of the protest members from Georgia said: "A president who is responsible for bloodbaths in Tbilisi, Baku, Yerevan and other cities does not deserve the Nobel peace

Meanwhile, in Oslo yesterday Anatoh Kovalyov, the first deputy foreign minister, accepted the prize, a gold medal, a diploma and crowns (£366,000), on Mr Gorbachev's behalf. He read a message from the Soviet leader, the first Communist head of state to win the prize, which said the opportunity for reason and the logic of peace to prevail over that war and annihilation".

Mr Kovalyov said Mr Gorbachev did not see the award as a



Gorbachev: domestic troubles forced him to stay at home

personal honour, but "as a recognition of what we call perestroika and innovative political thinking, which is of vital significance for

human destinies all over the While the world moved towards peace in 1990, "there are some

very grave threats that have not

been eliminated: the potential for

conflict ... aggressive intentions and totalitarian traditions," he added. Gidske Anderson, the head of the Nobel committee, said: The Nobel committee wishes to emphasise the tremendous poten-

more secure world." Mrs Anderson said that Mr Gorbachev had won because of his international achievements and this is neither the time nor the place to discuss the Soviet Union's

tial which is now available for a

But she hoped the award "will be recognised as a helping hand in an hour of need, as a greeting to all the peoples of the Soviet Union, as a sign that the outside world is watching their struggle with a sense of fellow feeling, and with a sense of participating in the historic events that are taking

However, Vladimir Bukovsky. the Soviet author and former jailed dissident who has lived in the West for 14 years, said that Western support for Mr Gorbachev "prolongs the agony of the Communist regime, which is doomed anyway, and the suffering of the Soviet people."

We are convinced this is a mistake," said Juozas Karvelis, a member of the Lithuanian parliament. "Gorbachev's policy in the Baltic republics is doing nothing to strengthen peace

#### Strike by drivers hits Bucharest

From TIM JUDAH IN BUCHAREST

SEVERAL hundred cement mixers, refrigeration lorries, dump trucks and other large vehicles blocked four of Bucharest's main avenues yesterday as Romania's militant drivers' union went on strike, calling for the government to resign and for other workers to join a general strike. Health workers and teachers have also started a "symbolic" strike.

President Iliescu yesterday telephoned Miron Mitrea, the leader of the drivers, and offered to mediate between his union and the government. The offer was accepted and a meeting is due to take place this morning.

The government is clearly worried the drivers' strike will spark industrial and social unrest during this month's emotional first anniversary of the revolution. Many commentators are predicting "something" is about to happen, but no one appears to know what. Widespread dissatisfaction with food queues, poor water supplies, lukewarm heating and inflation means Bucharest is nervous of anything which could provoke demonstra tions in the next few weeks.

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President Iliescu told Romanians last Friday that planned price increases for basic foodstuffs



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# Break-up nearer after Milosevic win

ther towards disintegration yesterday, with Slobodan Milosevic's ruling communists apparently on the way to a landslide victory in Serbia's first free elections for more than half a century.

Amid accusations of vote- led the opposition for par- contrast to Mr Milosevic's rigging, the Electoral Com- liament in the five districts, waning popularity. His inmission yesterday morning although in one the socialist gave the final results of voting in five electoral districts. Mr Milosevic was the overwhelming choice for the presidency in all of them and his party, now calling itself socialist although its methods, ideology and command of the economy remain communist - received a clear majority of votes, even in areas where there had been large monarchist and anti-communist rallies earlier this year.

According to early returns, the party has won 80 of 140 seats. Based on the results from the five districts, Caslav Ign-jatovic, chairman of the early indications of comrepublic's Electoral Commission, estimated that there had been an 80 per cent turnout across the republic. He said the socialists also

The communists have been returned overwhelmingly in Serbia. Richard Bassett and Dessa Trevisan in Belgrade consider the implications

candidate did not win outright and would face a secondround run off. "All I can say is they are leading and leading well," Jova Vukelic, press spokesman for the Democrats,

Alexander Raznjatovic, another Democratic Party official, said that Mr Milosevic could even win an outright majority in his first-round bid to retain the republic's powerful presidency.

Centre-right coalitions toppled the communists in Slovenia and Croatia in regional elections earlier this year. The munist gains on Sunday in Serbia and Montenegro, the last states to hold free elections, could increase tensions. The results are in sharp

creasingly rare public appearances have drawn only a bandful of supporters to the streets to hear him.

Nevertheless, the results, in the wake of a campaign of unprecedented intimidation. even by Balkan standards. were not unexpected, although the scale of Mr Milosevic's victory stunned opposition leaders. It is the first time in Eastern Europe that the electorate has voted overwhelmingly to maintain the com-

Opposition leaders cited more than 150 examples of voting irregularities, including unscaled ballot boxes, voters without identity papers and Milosevic supporters voting the names of people long

campaigning by being given access to state television only president three years ago. during the months immedi-The communist victory also ately before the election. As in

Bulgaria and Romania, the communists used every possible means to secure victory. Unlike Bulgaria, however, where the army remains move as swiftly as possible to apolitical, in Serbia the army sever their links with what threw its weight firmly behind the communists. Mr Milosevic clearly also benefited from his promises of

full employment by maintaining the command communist economy. The economic reforms of his opponents, which envisaged privatisation, would have led rapidly to 2 million unemployed over and above the present 1.5 million out of work in Yugoslavia. Serbia's economy is one of

the weakest in Yugoslavia. Per capita output is 15 per cent below the average. Mr Milosevic had no remedies for the dramatic fall in living standards which has overtaken the country in recent months except greater centralisation. This is unlikely to alleviate Serbia's £2 billion of debts and

has serious implications for Yugoslavia's fragile unity. Mr Milosevic's success can only encourage the northern republics of Slovenia and Croatia to they regard as the bolshevik rump of Yugoslavia Slovenia already intends to hold a plebicite on its independence later this month. The result will almost certainly give the republic's government the green light to decide on

Mr Milosevic, who opposes the idea of a Yugoslav confederation, has always refused to negotiate with the Slovenes. He has also rejected the idea of talks with Croats where, as in Slovenia, a democratically elected anti-communist government favours divorce from

Vuk Draskovic, the leader of the largest opposition party, yesterday decribed the results of the Serbian election as "a

# Havel seeks extra powers to preserve single state

From Peter Green in prague

PRESIDENT Havel of with permanent social unrest" Czechoslovakia said yesterday and "very probabaly the end he would ask parliament to of democracy" for Czechs and grant him vast new powers in Slovaks. "Future generations an effort to head off a constitutional conflict which he said could threaten his country's fools," Mr Havel added. He existence and plunge it into cited a recent public opinion economic and political chaos. poll showing that 70 per cent

In an emergency speech to of Slovaks and 74 per cent of the federal assembly, which was televised nationwide, Mr moves were part of a political Havel said that threats by political leaders in Slovakia to declare primacy of their laws over those of the federal parliament would lead to legislative chaos and the dissolution of the state.

Our young democracy and the existence of our state itself are endangered," Mr Havel said. "I am very sorry I had to go this far. I am doing this to fulfil the expectations of miltions of citizens who ... entrusted this position to me our federation.

Our state is not this time threatened from the outside, as so many times in the past, a bill to be presented to but from the inside. We are parliament, and he urged that threatening it ourselves with it be considered immediately. our low political culture, lack of democratic consciousness and mutual understanding ... our lack of experience and personal bad qualities."

Mr Havel singled out Vladimir Meciar, prime minister of the Slovak republic, for criticism. Mr Meciar has threatened to declare Slovak laws supreme over federal laws if Prague modified a previous agreement on sharing power among the federal and republic governments that gives economic and administrative powers to the republics.

The Czech and Slovak parliaments differ on control of oil and gas pipelines, taxation and budget questions, postal services, policy toward ethnic minorities, and chairmanship of the national bank. The new law keeps foreign policy, deand monetary policy under federal control.

Mr Havel said a declaration of Slovak sovereignty was clearly unconstitutional, and told the country that whatever decision parliament makes is legally binding "on all institutions and all people". Otherwise, "the thin ice of our constitution will be broken and our state would inevitably fall into legal chaos".

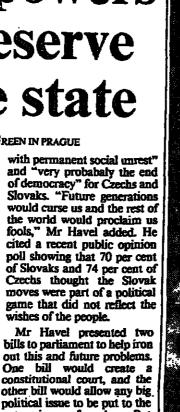
He said if that happened he would then have to declare laws made by the Slovak parliament as unconstitutional and this would lead to the dissolution

Czechoslovakia. We would be the first disintegrated or perhaps terminated state in post-world war two Europe," Mr Havel said. The consequence would be "total economic collapse

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out this and future problems. One bill would create a constitutional court, and the other bill would allow any big political issue to be put to the voters in a referendum. But Mr Havel said that until partiament adopted a new democratic constitution, he would have to assume greater

He did not specify what powers he wanted but said that they would be included in

"I believe strongly you know me well enough that you need not suspect I desire to increase my own power. I am doing this to fulfil the hopes of millions of people who elected me in this country, who think that I will help to save our federative state," he said.

Defending his call for greater powers, Mr Havel did not rule out calling in the army if there was no other way to save the union.



kicking a football at half-time during a match between Bayera Munich and the Soviet Union in Munich to raise money for Soviet food aid

# Paris Bastille opera house faces threat of revolution

LESS than 18 months after the inauguration of the Bastille Opera House to the strains of the Marseillaise. Michel Rocard, the prime minister, was quoted yesterday as threatening to close the trou-bled institution unless its management makes revolutionary reforms.

President Mitterrand decided in 1982 to build the new Paris opera house at a cost of two billion francs (£200 million) to make the arts more accessible. But a series of setbacks has plagued the circular, 10-storey complex since it was opened by 10 of the world's best opera singers on the eve of the bicentennial Bastille Day celebrations.

In the latest hitch, the his record. "One speaks badly management late last month

From JOHN PHILLIPS IN PARIS The weekly news magazine

Le Point said yesterday: "Rocard confided recently that he does not exclude the pure and simple closing of the intervene rapidly." The report described Pierre Bergé, the 60-year-old opera president and founder of the Yves St Laurent fashion empire, as "en panne" (broken down). "The president of the opera of Paris is not emerging from difficulties of all sorts that prevent the normal functioning of the Opéra-Bastille," Le Point said.

of these poor operas of Paris. was forced to cancel perfor- he told the magazine Expression. "I admit it, but on condition one talks also about the others - that one not pass over in silence the threemonth closure of the Metro-politan (in New York) because of strikes, the total discomfiture of Covent Garden. One builds an opera in several years and I have the time. Whether they like it or not, everybody will be obliged to wait. That is the way it is."

The stoppage by the musicians is the latest in a series of snags. Even before the inauguration of the Bastille Opera, M Berge sacked, in January 1989, Daniel Barenboim, the Israeli artistic and musical director of the Opera-Bastille, after he refused to take a cut in salary.

mances of the opera Otello
because of a week-long strike
by orchestra musicians demanding a pay increase.

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Whun Chung, M Bergé, a
fervent campaigner for President Mitterrand who often is criticised by French conservatives for being a member of what they call the "caviare left", also has had trouble with the 111-year-old Palais Bastille, if a solution does not Garnier Paris opera house, where he replaced Rudolf Nureyev with Patrick Dupond to oversee the artistic direction of ballet performances.

As well as serving as the unpaid director of the Palais Garnier and the Bastille Opera, M Bergé is in charge of the Opera Comique. In 1977 he bought the Théatre de l'Athènée in Paris and staged con-M Bergé yesterday defended certs featuring prestigious is record. "One speaks badly singers, such as Plácido Domingo and Jessye Norman, before selling it to the government for a symbolic one franc



Rocard: issued "reform or

#### De Klerk party will play role in talks

Johannesburg – President de Klerk's National Party has decided to set up a formal negotiating team, which would ostensibly act indep-endently of the government in Pretoria, to take part in talks next year on a post-apartheid constitution (Gavin Beil

The move is seen as an attempt to overcome objections to the government both negotiating and supervising the transition process. It is expected that senior ministers. such as Gerrit Viljoen (constitutional development), would quit the cabinet to lead the

The African National Congress has reaffirmed its commitment to conciliation, and the Inkatha Freedom Party, the powerful Zulu organisation, has formally en-tered the process. The Pan Africanist Congress is refusing to join the negotiations.

The effect is to bring the principal parties closer to the negotiating table and to strengthen their resolve to curb political violence. President de Klerk and

Nelson Mandela, the ANC private talks they had made significant progress towards ending strife in the townships.

### Chinese plenum

Peking - Despite indications that China's Communist Party cannot agree even on basic economic policy, Li Peng, the prime minister, said yesterday that the Central Committee would hold a plenary session late this month which would concentrate on economic planning. The plenum was originally scheduled for October, but has been repeatedly delayed by rows about the economic road ahead.

#### Petrol protest

Manila - The government has reduced the newly-increased price of petrol as strikers across the Philippines demanded that President Aquino resign. Mrs Aquino had said that there was no choice but to pay more because of increases in world crude prices since traq invaded Kuwait. But the protesters said the price reduction was insufficient. (AP)

#### Fighter deal

Keala Lumper — Malaysia bas signed a contract to buy 28 Hawk fighter aircraft - ten Hawk 100s and 18 Hawk 200s worth about £400 million. British Aerospace, the manufacturer, is to set up a regional service centre for the aircraft with the Malaysian aircraft service company. For this, £80 million has been earmarked, spread over 20 years.

# Tamil rebel shot

Colombo - Government troops shot and killed a Tamil rebel leader while he was leading an attack on the Kaduvan army camp in the Jaffna peninsula, military officials said yesterday. Another Tamil rebel, two government soldiers and five Sinhalese extremists belonging to the People's Liberation Front were killed in separate operations elsewhere in the country as well (AP)

#### Down to earth

Cape Canaveral - The space shuttle Columbia was heading for a landing in California a day earlier than planned after Nasa shortened its problemplagued astronomy mission because of bad weather. The mission was rescheduled as rain and gusty winds today were deemed unsafe for a landing. The latest in a spate of problems encountered by the crew was a clogged

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# Defence chief admits fears of 'substantial' Gulf casualties

THE government's most senior military adviser yesterday admitted he feared there could be "substantial" casualties if war were to break out with Iraq. Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir David Craig, chief of the defence staff, also rejected the view that such a war could be quick and

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Sir David's remarks during a speech to senior officers of the Voroshilov Military Academy in Moscow appeared to support the warning given by Brigadier Patrick Cordingley, commander of the 7th Armoured Brigade, or "Desert Rats", in Saudi Arabia at the end of last month. Brigadier Cordingley was criticised for speaking out about the possibility of a "particularly unpleasant war" and of his personal fear that there could be "a lot of casualties".

Sir David said: "My government has to contemplate the employment of British forces to help compel the Iraqi army to leave Kuwait, if it becomes clear that sanctions cannot achieve that goal." He added: "I am under no illusions that the use of force would be easy and quick, nor can I discount the likelihood of substantial casualties."

His remarks are in line with the latest thinking in the Pentagon. American officials now envisage a war lasting several months, not days, as first predicted. United States military commanders also believe that a full land-air battle

#### France **bolsters** its forces

From JOHN PHILLIPS IN PARIS

FRANCE said yesterday it was increasing its contingent in Saudi Arabia by at least 1,000 men before January 15 to bolster its artillery firepower and to provide extra tank and air power.

"A decision of principle at the highest level has been taken concerning reinforcements that had been requested for a long time to assure the maximum security of our forces," Jean-Pierre Chevenement, the defence minister, told a press conference after a ministerial meeting of the Western European Union

Full details of the reinforcement would be publicised after the French chief of staff had studied the logistics, M Chevenement

But defence ministry sources said about 1,000 artillery gunners would be sent to Saudi Arabia armed with between 18 and 24 155mm field pieces. Also to be sent are AMX 30 heavy tanks to bolster the lightly armoured French force of 6,250 men in place in Saudi Arabia, as well as some additional combat aircraft, the sources said.

France already has 24 war planes including Mirage F1 reconnaisance aircraft, Mirage 2000 bombers and Jaguar fighters in the Gulf. One of the Mirage F 1s crashed during a training flight on

Friday, killing the pilot. Roland Dumas, the French foreign minister, restated yes-terday that no compromise was possible with Iraq before a complete retreat of Iraqi forces from Kuwait.

will be required to force the Iraqis out of Kuwait. An extensive air bombardment, lasting several days, was initially felt to be sufficient to defeat the Iraqis.

Sir David, the most senior British chief of staff to visit the Soviet Union since the second world war, made it clear he had not ruled out a war, in spite of the recent diplomatic moves which have led to new hopes of a peaceful settlement, saying: "Unpalatable though it may be, armed force may still be required to contain and defeat a dictator who thinks that war, invasion and the taking of hostages are legitimate tools of national policy."

Sir David said it was up to political leaders to decide on the use of force, but added: "It is clear that to allow Saddam Hussein to profit by his illegal act would be a major setback for the international community at the very moment when, in ending the Cold War, we have achieved so much in improving security in Europe."

Although Soviet forces are not among the multinational build-up of troops in Saudi Arabia, Sir David praised the support the Soviet Union had given the United Nations for introducing effective sanctions. "No longer can an aggressor count on Eastagonism to prevent concerted UN action," he said. Sir David issued a warning

against "any weakening of re-solve" on the part of the international community, which would undermine the prospects for the UN taking a prominent role in maintaining global security.

• DHAHRAN: Two more US

soldiers were killed in weekend accidents in Saudi Arabia, raising to 53 the number of Americans who have died in Operation Desert Shield, the army said yesterday (Reuter reports). One soldier died on Sunday

when the articulated lorry he was driving overturned and the other died in a separate incident, also on Sunday. Britain, France and Spain have each lost one soldier due to accidents in the multinational build-up since August.

Hostages home, page 1 More Gulf refugees, page 14



# UN likely to compromise on Middle East peace proposal

From JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

killings in Jerusalem's Temple

Those provisions include pre-

parations for a meeting of the

signatories of the Fourth Geneva

Convention to force Israel to

comply with the rights it bestows

on civilians under occupation,

and the monitoring of the occu-

The moves towards a com-

promise on the UN resolution

came as President Bush prepares

to meet Yitzhak Shamir, the prime minister of Israel, for talks

today. The meeting, the first such

encounter in 10 months, is being

held against a background of rising

Israeli anxiety that the US will

reach a compromise with Iraq

Saddam Hussein and the Iraqi

military infrastructure intact.

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would probably involve an Ameri-A POSSIBLE compromise on a can veto, which would damage Washington's alliance with Arab controversial United Nations resolution on the Israeli-occupied territories was emerging yesnations against lraq, it found some support among council terday, just hours before the Security Council was due to vote.

Diplomats from the United The proposal would allow pas-

States, Yemen, this month's council president, and Finland, a neutral party in the talks, were discussing removing any reference to an international peace conference from the main resolution to be voted on - thus allowing the United States to support it.

The provision endorsing the convening of an international conference would be re-submitted as a separate resolution which the US was expected to veto. However, it is possible that the Americans may not have to use their veto in the second vote on the provision because its appearance of linkage with the Gulf conflict could persuade enough countries not to support it.

American officials have said that, although the provision on the international conference uses the precise wording of official US policy, Washington is reluctant to vote for it in a security council resolution lest it be perceived as a concession to Iraq, which has demanded linkage between the Palestinian issue and Kuwait. Although the compromise

Western denials, President Saddam will succeed in finking Kuwzit with the Palestinian question.

in Israel, David Levy, the foreign minister, demanded assur-ances from the US that it intended sage of the main provisions of a draft resolution intended to proto destroy President Saddam's military capability and indicated tect Palestinians in the wake of the that Israel would drop its current "low profile" if no such assurances Mount in October. That would were forthcoming. Mr Levy told a allow America's Arab allies Knesset committee that the US against Iraq to claim that Washpresence in the Gulf had increased ngton was not hostile to the the danger to Israel.

The present calls for an international peace conference on the Middle East date from a UN conference on the question of Palestine in Geneva in 1983, which was boycotted by Israel and the United States.

The Geneva declaration issued at the meeting laid down six guidelines for a peace settlement — in-cluding an Israeli withdrawal from the territories it occupied in 1967, including east Jerusalem, and the creation of an independent Palestinian state.

To achieve these goals, the conference called for an international peace conference under the auspices of the UN with the participation of all parties to the Arab-Israeli conflict, including the Palestine Liberation Organisation

# Kuwait vows it will never agree to any border compromise

By Michael Knipe, diplomatic correspondent

KUWAITS government-in-exile said yesterday that it would not agree to any adjustments of its borders, as speculation mounted of a possible compromise

The Kuwaiti foreign minister dismissed as totally untrue reports that Saudi Arabia and the exiled government of Kuwait had been holding secret contacts with Iraq through third parties in order to settle the border dispute between Iraq and Kuwait.

The reports suggested that Ku-wait might offer to give Iraq full control of the Rumaila oilfield, which extends across the Iraqi border into Kuwait, and grant Baghdad leases on Warba and Bubiyan, two islands in the Gulf long desired by President Saddam

Before the Iraqi invasion, Rumaila was yielding 10,000 barrels a day - 0.5 per cent of its total production of two million, Iraq claims Kuwait was stealing oil worth \$2.4 billion from its section of the oilfield by using slantdrilling technology. Warba and Bubiyan are marshy

mudilats at the uppermost northwest corner of the Gulf. Their only inhabitants are migrating birds. save for a modest police outpost on Bubiyan. But, as they block direct access to the Gulf from the Iraqi port or Umm Qasr, they for Baghdad.

This has been increased by President Saddam Hussein's decision to cede to Iran his claim to the Shatt al-Arab waterway which lies a few miles to the northeast and is lraq's only other possible route to the Gulf.

Warba, the northernmost island, is only about seven miles by two miles in size. Bubiyan is about 18 miles wide and boasts a causway linking it to the Kuwaiti mainland. This was built by the Kuwaitis about five years ago to strengthen their links to the island, given Iraq's undisguised interest in acquiring it, which increased during the Iran-Iraq war in spite of the financial backing it received from Kuwait.

Kuwaiti exile sources in London said there could be no question of using either the oilfield or the islands as bargaining chips. However, they did not dismiss the possibility of allowing an independent body such as the World Court to rule on the issue. They said that before the invasion the Kuwaiti government had said it would have nothing to fear from such an assessment, as Iraq's claim was

Iraq, which has annexed Kuwait and proclaimed it its 19th province, also made clear yesterday that its claim to the territory was not open to negotiation.

Meanwhile, Kuwaiti exiles have said they regard President Saddam's decision to release foreign hostages as a direct result of the resolution warning that "all nec-essary means" will be taken to bring about Iraq's withdrawal from Kuwait.

# Invaders' reign of terror goes on

disturbing picture of a continuing wave of terror being imposed by triggerhappy Iraqi soldiers inside occupied Kuwait was provided yesterday by a leading Western doctor who left the emirate three weeks ago.

Until he moved to Baghdad last month, Doctor Gisli Sigurdsson, the only Icelandic hostage, was head of the intensive care unit in Kuwait's Mubarak al-Kabir, the main civilian hospital. "Every day of the week young people were being bought in with gunshot wounds, usually in the chest," he said. "Shooting was the common punishment used even for minor crimes. Often it was carried out on the spot without any further attempt at interrogation or trial."

The doctor, who arrived in Amman on an Iraqi Airways jet, said that until he had gained his freedom he had been unable to speak freely about what was happening in Kuwait although he had met Western journalists during three weeks in Baghdad under Swedish diplomatic protection. "The soldiers were very nervous and every day we had cases of serious gunshot wounds," he said.

"For instance, one Kuwaiti had been standing two hours in a bread queue when an Iraqi soldier pushed in front of him. The Kuwaiti asked why the soldier did not use the separate military bread line, which anyway was much quicker. At that point he was dragged out of the queue and shot through the chest and abdomen. Another minor crime for which the penalty was summary shooting was changing money illegally. People caught would be shot there and then on

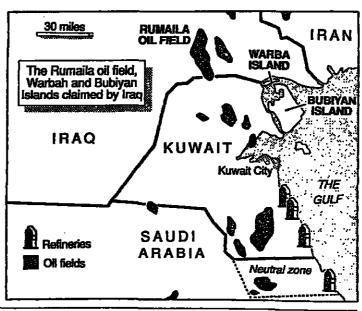
the street. The doctor said many babies were dying in Kuwaiti hospitals because the invasion had driven away staff. But he also disclosed that reports of deliberate maltreatment of hospital patients by occupying soldiers had been exaggerated for propaganda reasons.

"That news was not true," he said of widely circulated accounts that Iraqi troops had removed premature babies from incubators and left them to die while they took equipment to Bachdad. "In fact they did not take equipment from hospitals other than military hospitals and clinics," he added. "However, lots of babies died because of lack of staff."

octor Sigurdsson claimed that the object of Iraqi policy in Kuwait appeared to be to drive out as many Kuwaitis and Palestinians as possible and to remove as much material as could be taken to Baghdad. "I repeatedly saw things in Baghdad shop windows on which they had not even bothered to remove the price tag in Kuwaiti currency," he said.

He said that senior members of the Iraqi medical profession had arrived at his teaching hospital to ransack its renowned library. "It was very disturbing to see colleagues come and just sack the building, taking every-thing away to Baghdad," he said.

According to another witness, Abdullah al-Shayeji of Kuwait University, who escaped two weeks ago, property taken away by the Iraqis included computers, telephone booths and paving stones, as well as desks, chairs and books from schools. They had also emptied warehouses, burnt offices and made off with the furniture and cars of fleeing



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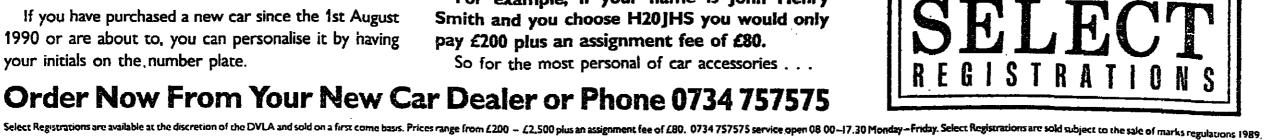
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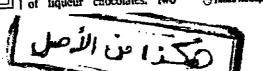
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# Voters give key role to former guerrillas in Colombia

From James Brooke in Bogota

COLOMBIAN voters made a former guerrilla group the largest force in the nation's constitutional convention, while soldiers de-stroyed the mountain head-quarters of the nation's biggest active guerrilla group.

Spurning traditional political parties, the voters on Sunday gave 30 per cent of their ballots to the M-19, a group that laid down its arms in March,

Carrying out a different policy towards active guerrillas, the same day 500 soldiers overran Casa Verde, the command centre of the Colombian Revolutionary Armed Forces (Farc). Forty-six aircraft dropped 10 tonnes of bombs on the base during the operation, killing 60 guerrillas and leaving seven soldiers dead, the ministry of defence said.

The bombing and occupation of the headquarters of the 7,000strong group seemed to represent a new hardline policy toward Colombia's two remaining guerrilla groups, the Revolutionary Armed Forces and the National

Liberation Army. Three small groups that heeded a government call to start disarming by Sunday's election are to be rewarded with two seats in the constitutional convention.

Sunday's vote will bring together in the same convention hall in February a former kidnapping victim and his captor. In the balloting, with 39 per cent of the vote counted, M-19, led by Antonio Navarro, was winning 35 per cent of the vote in the race for 70 elected seats. In second place with 26 per cent of the vote was a sixmonth-old right-wing group, the National Salvation Movement. The movement's leader, Aivaro Gómez, spent 50 days as a hostage of the M-19 guerrillas in 1988.

Although abstention was high about 75 per cent in this city - the vote marked a remarkable turnaround in the fortunes of the M-19 group. By the time the 16-year-old group had laid down its arms in March, its ranks had dwindled to 881 guerrillas.

In congressional elections in March, the M-19 won one seat. In

presidential elections in May, Señor Navarro won 700,000 votes, or 12.5 per cent of the vote. On Sunday the M-19 is believed to have received slightly more than one million votes.

The strong showing of M-19 and of the National Salvation Movement marked a breakdown in the 150-year dominance of Colombian politics by the Liberal and Conservative parties. With results incomplete, the Liberals, the party of President César Gaviria, were trailing in third place. The Conservatives are coming a distant fourth.

"The ruling class has lost con-trol of the political process," said Diego Montana, a veteran leftist who supports the M-19 coalition.

The results seem to illustrate a new phenomenou in Latin American politics: the overnight popularity of little-known politicians. Last year Brazilians elected as president Fernando Collor de Mello, who had been governor of one of Brazil's smallest and poorest states. Last June, Peruvians elected Alberto Fujimori, a virtually unknown agronomist, as

The convention is scheduled to meet between February and July and is to have unrestricted powers to rewrite Colombia's 1886 constitution.

The M-19 delegates will represent a break with the conservative mould of Colombian politicians. The M-19 delegation will include the coach of the national football team, the former director of the National Agrarian Reform Agency, three human rights lawyers, three marxist trade unionists, and nine former guerrillas.

Despite the strong left-wing slant to the delegation, Senor Navarro, a 41-year-old engineer, has advocated a centre-left line on

He has called for anti-trust legislation to break up Colombia's industrial monopolies, for pri-vatising many state enterprises by selling shares to employees, and for promoting free trade with

(New York Times)



Victims of violence: Indian women weeping outside the remains of their home in Aligargh in northern Uttar Pradesh, which was destroyed in the ongoing Hindu-Muslim clashes which have killed more than 160 people in four days. In Aligarh alone the death toll rose to 40, officials said.

They reported bomb blasts and some sniping. Large quantities of illegal arms and home-made bombs were also found. A policeman was quoted as saying the city had been turned into an arsenal. The fresh

hospital. Officials described the report as "totally baseless". The town has a large Muslim population and, as in other areas, the clashes result from a continuing campaign by Hindu militants to tear down a violence came after a local newspaper mosque in the town of Ayodhya and replace reported that patients had been killed in it with a temple to their god, Lord Rama. mosque in the town of Ayodhya and replace

# Fairfax press empire ends in disaster

AUSTRALIA'S oldest newspaper tradition, that of the once noble Fairfax group, ended yesterday in receivership.

After its papers hit the streets for 149 years, the group's demise at the hands of Warwick Fairfax, the family's reclusive young heir, is making as good a story as any it has printed in that time. The story also leaves Australia's more contemporary media disasters those of Alan Bond, Christopher Skase and others - looking merely pale by comparison.

The migrant family from Warwickshire which acquired the Sydney Herald in 1841 (it became today's Sydney Morning Herald a year later), Melbourne's The Age in 1854, and later the influential Financial Review, was yesterday forced to submit to banks and junk bond-holders who are owed \$Aus 1.5 billion (about £500 million).

However, if "Young Wocka" Fairfax, 29, as the born-again Christian heir is known, had listened to any of his many adexecutives and advisers, many of writers, including Thomas Ken-whom resigned in exasperation. writers, including Thomas Ken-eally, and journalists and polivisers, who included William Simon, the former American trea-

sury secretary, the group's story might have had a different ending. 'Wocka's Folly" began three years ago when, as a 26-year-old graduate of the Harvard Business School, he returned to save the Fairfax group from a host of perceived enemies he and his mother, Dame Mary Fairfax, saw

as a threat to the group.

He was driven by Lady Fairfax,
a vivacious socialite with a mission of regaining personal control of the newspaper group, and followed what proved to be bad advice, borrowing heavily to finance the overpriced buy-out of \$Aus 2.2 billion. His advisers included Laurie Connell, a failed merchant banker now facing charges in Western Australia.

Rarely seen in public or by his staff, Mr Fairfax presided at a distance over continuing wrangles within the family and the boardroom, and over a procession of

The group's titles, which as-

sumed the mantle of liberal quality journalism in Australia, have lost much of their authority as a result. As things turned out, Wocka Fairfax did not know the first thing about newspapers or the art of communication.
"He's impenetrable," Vic Car-

roll, the former editor-in-chief of the Sydney Morning Herald, who has written a book entitled Warwick Fairfax's Folly, told the ABC news programme. "He's never spoken very much. He's a man of strong convictions and strong religious convictions." Mr Fairfax and his mother have

lost their entire stake in the enterprise. The banks, led by the Australia and New Zealand Group, would like to keep the prestigious titles together, but these are up for grabs, in the same way as Australia's broken commercial television stations. Some of Australia's leading

ticians have launched a campaign to prevent Rupert Murdoch, whom they cite as having the highest concentration of media ownership in the Western world, from acquiring any part of the group and thereby increasing his 70 per cent ownership of Austra-lia's newspapers. Mr Keneally blamed the Labor government of Bob Hawke, the prime minister, for selling out the country's media to Mr Murdoch and Kerry Packer, and said any further concentration

threat to democracy". Australia has lost seven newspaper titles in the last three years alone. But the government has objected to foreign ownership of the Australian press and rejected approaches by Robert Maxwell to buy The Age and other titles during that time. However, if a wealthy investor is not found, the main Fairfax titles and their staff face an uncertain future.

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#### **Demands** for Ershad to be tried or exiled

From Christopher Thomas IN DHAKA

AMID deepening political un-certainty in Bangladesh, opposition leaders yesterday demanded that Hussein Mohammad Ershad, the former president ousted a week ago, face trial or be sent into permanent exile abroad.

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The former general's future has emerged as a potentially explosive issue as Bangladesh moves unsteadily towards parliamentary elections due early next year. He spent his seventh consecutive day sheltering behind the heavily guarded walls of a cantonment in central Dhaka yesterday. His appearance in public would unleash mass demonstrations. Even the army seems embarrassed by him. The big Ershad army stadium no longer bears his name - a small but stinging snub to the man who dominated Bangladesh for nearly nine years after seizing power in a bloodless coup.

There is incredulity that he intends to contest the election, which is likely to be called in late February unless the military intervenes. He could not possibly conduct a normal campaign in such a hostile atmosphere.

So far the army shows no inclination to impose martial law unless the campaign turns excessively violent. Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim, editor of the mass-circulation daily, Banglar Bani, said he believed the military wanted to confine itself to a policing role. He said that, regardless of who won, the military would still influence the civil administration, the police and foreign service because so many of its appointees occupied senior

Sheikha Hasina Wazed, leader of the opposition Awami League, regarded as the likely victor if the election is not rigged, said yesterday: "Ershad should be tried. He ruined the economy. His corrupt government tortured and killed our people." She said her party would settle for his exile. In a pruning of the administra-

tion, the acting president, Shaha-buddin Ahmed, has dissolved powerful district councils and sacked city mayors appointed by Mr Ershad.

Western aid organisations reopened their offices, textile factories, which produce the country's main export, resumed work, and banks reopened yesterday.

Sandy Review 

**David Willetts** 

Very prime minister since 1974 has had a Number Ten Policy Unit, though dif-ferent prime ministers have used

them differently.
Under Mrs Thatcher the unit was seen by its critics as an instrument of presidentialism. In fact foreign visitors are always amazed that the head of the British government has a personal advisory staff of fewer than 20. By contrast, any minister coming to a meeting at Downing Street will have been fully briefed by the officials of a large department. Even a prime minister with as relaxed and collegiate a style as John Major therefore needs an effective policy unit. What particular tasks should the unit under Sarah Hogg, its new head, now be taking on?

For a start, departments will want to reopen the most controversial decisions of the Thatcher years, principally the community charge. But there will be others. New ministers and a new prime minister will want to see where the shoe of government policy is pinching bardest and to do something about it. But political prudence dictates that there have to be limits. The last thing John Major needs is for every interest group to believe that if only it kicks up a big enough fuss it can change the policies inherited from Mrs Thatcher's government.

Here the policy unit can help. It can sift through these objections to government policy. Are they important messages from the real world or are they merely unimaginative obstructionism? Ministers who are always convinced by Whitehall objections end up doing nothing. Those who always ignore them end up in terrible scrapes. Outsiders do not often appreciate the skill of the ministers who get those judgments right. The Policy Unit can provide the prime min-ister with pertinent questions and advice so he can properly test the

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The unit should look not just at the merits of moving away from existing policies. It might also see if Mr Major should encourage ministers to look again at ideas that, under Mrs Thatcher, were ruled out. Road pricing, for example, has been backed by a range of experts from Sir Altan Walters to the left-wing Institute for Public Policy Research: perhaps it is an idea whose time is now coming.

Another job for the unit is to raise those issues that would not otherwise get proper ministerial attention because they fall between different departments. This provides fertile ground for practical and politically attractive initiatives by Mr Major. Take, for example, the rundown of the defence estate as the peace: dividend is cashed in. In some warts of the country the future of these sites is of enormous local concern. Using them wisely

Defence, the Department of the Environment and the county councils to work together, to avoid

haphazard disposals. policy towards elderly people. Too often they are thought of as a burden when actually they do far more charity work and childminding than the rest of the population. They need much more political recognition (after all, 40 per cent of people who vote are aged over 55). The past decade has seen a steady reduction in the number of 60-year-olds in work, yet we are told there is a demographic crisis in the jobs market.

A judgment by the European Court seems to require British employers to make pension ages for men and women the same. But to lower the nzale pension age, it is suggested, could cost employers up to £40 billion, as well as further cutting paid work for old people. This is exactly the sort of issue where the policy unit can help. The unit can also counteract one

of the greatest weaknesses of Whitehalf (and indeed Westminster) - the high status given to formulating new policies and the low status given to implementing existing policies. After a white paper is published or legislation is passed, everyone's interest moves on to the next new subject, and relatively junior people are often left to do the real job of ensuring that the policy works in practice. The next Conservative manifesto cannot just set out new ideas for future policies but must also show how existing policies are working.

As a practical man, Mr Major and what does not. Why have millions more people opted out of the state earnings related pension scheme than anyone dared hope opted for independent management of their housing estates? Why has freeing polytechnics from local authority control gone so smoothly while grant-main-tained schools have been much more controversial? Finally, the unit can help the prime minister by keeping him supplied with that most precious commodity vivid, accurate information. Too many Whitehall papers are long on arguments and short on facts.

And if they do have facts they are like the details in a surrealist painting - accurate but oddly removed from reality. Every member of the unit should spend at least one day a week outside Whitehall, ideally outside London, visiting hospitals, factories, schools. A short note to the prime minister on what they are actually saying in a hospital in Basingstoke or a training scheme in Hands-worth could be the unit's most valuable service of all.

The author, director of studies at the Centre for Policy Studies, is a Conservative prospective parli-

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out with it.

have always been sorry for Elbert Hubbard. I have been sorry for Elbert Hubbard very few of you have heard of him, and that is neither his fault nor yours. It is the fault of Ralph Waldo Emerson, of whom you have all heard; and one of the reasons you have all heard of him is that, were you to be asked for the first quotation that came to mind when Emerson's name was bandied about, you would in all probability cry:
"If a man make a better mousetrap, though he build his house

in the woods, the world will make a beaten path to his door." This, however, was not the most memorable thing Emerson ever said, it was the most memorable thing Elbert Hubbard ever said; though let me quickly add - lest you begin chucking your Collected Works of Emerson in the bin and banning all mention of his name at your dinner-table that Emerson's fault in this unhappy affair was not plagiarism, merely fame. The two villains properly to blame are Mrs Sarah Yule and the com-

mander of Unterseeboot 20. For it was jobbing journalist Mrs Yule who credited the apothegm to Emerson, believing the great man to have delivered it during a public lecture, when that lecture had in fact been delivered by Elbert Hubbard, an ungreat man from Bloomington, Illinois. But since Emerson was dead, Hubbard was florced to spend the rest of his life attempting to prove that the words were his; something he might very well have achieved had he not made the fundamental mistake of buying

a ticket for the Lusitania. All of which poignant saga suddenly came back to me in the Waitrose checkout queue on Monday. Thither I had trolleyed, among other victuals, a stringbagful of Californian walnuts, and as I detrolleyed this on to the counter, something shiny slid through an interstice and fell to the floor. When I picked it up, I found it to be a triangular piece of metal with the words "California Quality"

engraved upon it. "What's this?" I asked the checkout girl.

"it's a walnut opener," she replied. "It's a free gift. You poke the sharp bit in the end of

counted. It is now three months since bundreds of thousands of low-paid foreign workers streamed across the desert into Another initiative could be in Jordan. By mid-October, nearly 750,000 had been repatriated to their countries of origin, mostly in Asia. Thanks to the generosity of Jordan, as well as the efforts of the United Nations system, donor governments and the International Organization of Migration, the result was one of the largest and most orderly evacuations in recent history. For a few days, at the beginning of September, the world's media focused on the desperate conditions in the unprepared transit

will be interested in what works while so few council tenants have

the shell, and after you've

opened it, you sort of dig the nut

As she began clocking up

items, I began gathering wool:

6,000 miles away, in Pasadena,

perhaps, or Malibu or some

such resonant spot, grown men

had, one morning, parked their

company convertibles before

the towering smoked-glass

flanks of the Walnut Building,

strolled through automatic

doors into the air-cooled atrium

with its fahled display of dwarf

juglans regio, and been whisked

50 floors up to the Marketing

Penthouse, there to foregather

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loosen their ties, decant their

Perrier, and discuss the way

What were the options? Build

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Walnutland on a thousand acres

of prime Pacific foreshore - its

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into the void, there to bleep.

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Teenage Mutant Ninja Walnuts

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The long days pass, the room

fills with smoke, Perrier yields to

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is no sound save the beating of

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world will make a beaten path to

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"£39.76," said the girl at the

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European businessmen time and money and might encourage increased trade, travel and economic integration. More importantly, a

single currency would mean uniform inflation and interest rates throughout Europe, presumably low ones if the road towards EMU is the one mapped out by the German Bundesbank

has been mooted when Sir Robin Renwick succeeds Sir Antony Acland in Washington in March. Rumours of a £250,000 post with Morgan Grenfell, the merchant bank, are described as wishful thinking. Given the speed of political change, some suggest that his market value as the close confident of an ex-prime minister

is such that he would be lucky to command half that. • In England, as the Victorian judge Sir James Mathew declared. justice is open to all, like the first to open to the interior cue from his lordship, the Labour party lists the telephone number of the Ritz in its 1991 diary, alongside. those other well-known socialist watering-holes, Claridges and

Langan's Brasserie. Uncommunicative

That venerable organ of vestry and vicarage, Church Times, has declared UDI. Traditionally the editor of the paper commands a seat on the Church of England's communications committee (currently chaired by the Rt Rev John Taylor, Bishop of St Albans), which advises the church on its media and public relations. On his appointment last year, however, the editor, John Whale, initiated an unexpected departure from the tradition, so that when George Carey turns to his media experts after his enthronement as Archbishop of Canterbury next year, he will have to do without Whale's wise counsels.

Whale has decided not to be part of the new committee due to be formed in February on the principle that Church Times is "not part of the Church of England. We . viously sent back significant sums in foreign exchange, the effects will be devastating. Jordan, in particular, is suffer-

shuttling to Baghdad in search of hostages, publicity, or both.

not be behind us, however, until

but at the first sign of hostilities the human flow will start again -

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if the world was again unprepared.

life. The decision to leave behind

everything cannot have been taken lightly, fully aware as most of them

were that their own countries have

little to offer. For Europe, the longer-term effects of the crisis might involve a rise in fuel prices

and a temporary downturn in economic activity. But with the

already overstrained economies of

those developing countries now having to reabsorb hundreds of thousands of workers who pre-

ttered their dreams of a better

The humanitarian problem will

Prince Sadruddin Aga Khan warns of another mass exodus if the shooting starts

stability in the region is restored. ing. In addition to the cut-off of More than a million foreigners free oil supplies and the needs of remain in Iraq and Kuwait, many its own repatriated nationals of whom may yet wish to leave. The camps in the Jordanian desert (200,000 so far), Jordan also has to face the crippling effects of complying with UN sanctions may be empty for the time being, against its most important trading partner. Viewed against this backthis time perhaps including Iraqis and expelled Palestinians (from ground, the apparent reluctance of richer countries to compensate Jordan for meeting the needs of 750,000 foreigners, largely from its own supplies, is hard to believe. For most of the evacuees, the flight from Kuwait and Iraq meant the loss of their livelihood and

Pressure on Jordan has been partly relieved by the open-door policy adopted by Iran and Turkey, but come the next influx, no one should expect Jordan to be Nor should we be surprised if other countries conclude from the West's recalcitrance that a generous response to refugees in need will not be rewarded.

What all this underlines is how rare it is for the human costs of political strife to be properly considered. Both in the selling of advanced weapons, which makes

war possible, and in the decision to strike, the true concerns tend to be export orders and electoral popularity, rather than the ghastly effects on civilian populations caught in the mess. Yet it is rare indeed that war solves anything.

More often, those resorting to massive use of force (such as the Americans in Vietnam, the Russians in Afghanistan, the Israelis in Lebanon or the Iraqis in Kuwait) find that all the suffering caused yields little in the way of economic or strategic advantage. What can be done? Certainly

there could be improvements in the international system, some of which have been recently high-lighted in an excellent report\*. The UN is well able to cope with refugees fleeing persecution, but to some extent it handles other mass exoduses as and when they occur. This gap in the system should, I

believe, be plugged by the appointment of a UN Special Repre-sentative for Humanitarian Affairs who would monitor all situations likely to produce sudden population movements, seek to depoliticise humanitarian crises and serve, if need be, as mediator.

Prepare now for more Gulf refugees the UN's considerable experience of peace-keeping into humanitarian emergencies and help to prevent or contain future crises

If there is to be any hope of a new international order, as both superpowers are rhetorically suggesting, it does not lie in governments passing yet more hot potatoes to the UN in the hope that they can be dealt with on an ad hoc basis. Far more worthwhile would be a set of concrete measures designed to capitalise on the improved international climate and to help contain the humanitarian dimension of crises such as that we currently face in the Gulf. Without such a step, the optimistic rbetoric will continue to bear little resemblance to the sad reality.

\*A World in Need of Leadership: Tomorrow's United Nations, by Brian Urquhart and Erskine Childers, is published by the Ford Foundation and the Dag Hammarskjold Foundation (September

Prince Sadruddin Aga Khan is the UN secretary-general's per-sonal representative for humani-

# No monetary union until Britain is able to compete

difficulty they caused in Westminster month. Britain's problems with European monetary union were always open to a facesaving compromise. When John Major returns from his first European summit on Saturday, it is a safe bet that he will have won agreement on his two main object tives: to prevent a common European currency from being "imposed" on Britain, and to start some discussion about a new currency, the so-called hard ecu, which might one day circulate throughout Europe alongside the mark, the lira and the pound.

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camps. But as the story began to

lose its novelty, and as the number of evacuees in the camps dwin-

dled, the media reverted to

respective troop levels, firepower

and megaphone (or rather sat-

ellite-TV) diplomacy. Humanitar-

ian interest, in so far as it featured

at all, was confined to the visits of

He will surely be victorious on both, because the hard ecu and "imposition" are both red berrings. Neither will have any bearing on the ultimate outcome of the EMU negotiations, which seems increasingly likely to be that intended by Jacques Delors: a full monetary and economic union. proceeding without any im-position as one group of countries after another decides that ceding full economic control to Europe is better than the alternative. And as long as this alternative is the present halfway house of the European exchange rate mechanism, the advocates of EMU will be right.

Monetary union would save

But there are drawbacks too. The absence of separate currencies would mean that individual countries lost most of their power to influence economic conditions. Countries with high unemployment could not make themselves more competitive by currency devaluation. Regions where excessive borrowing or labour shortages were raising costs could not rein in demand with higher interest rates, Only taxes and public spending would be left in the macroeconomic policy tool box, and then severely constrained; in a full monetary union, governments cannot print money to pay their debts. They would therefore have to convince investors that they



Anatole Kaletsky, economics editor, sees even the ERM as a barrier hindering Europe's laggards

taxes from their citizens to remain credit-worthy.

The fundamental question about EMU, therefore, is whether the combination of efficiency and macroeconomic benefits out-weighs the cost of losing national economic control. One way of looking at this issue is to consider the only single currency area comparable to Europe in size, diversity and economic development - America.

As an example of what economists call an optimal currency area. America has several obvious advantages over Europe. It has a common language, people who readily migrate from state to state in search of work, a superior transport and communications infrastructure. Despite all these advantages, America still pays a price for being a monetary union.

Texas, for instance, might well have done better in the 1980s if it had had a senarate currency. Like sterling and other petrocurrencies, this could have been revalued in. the late 1970s to dampen the inflationary effects of the oil boom, and then devalued to prevent the regional economic collapse of the mid-1980s. Instead. Texas experienced a property bubble and mass immigration in the 1980s followed by an economic depression. One indirect result was the collapse of the state's housing finance business, which is now costing American taxpayers well over £100 billion to SOFT OUL

The Texas boom and bust provides a classic example of the best-known drawback of monetary union, that it stops countries responding to localised shocks. But it also points to two crucial conditions for a successful monetary union which have received surprisingly little attention in the EMU debate.

First, if it is to work, monetary union may have to be supple mented by a pan-European tax and public spending policy. There has been much inconclusive debate in Brussels about whether EMU will require European countries to accept constitutional

amendments similar to the American states' balanced budget rules. But the real reason why EMU may lead to fiscal federalism is quite different. Whenever a US state economy is hit by regional recession, its federal taxes fall, while it benefits from greater public spending from Washington Because America's taxes are overwhelmingly collected at the federal, rather than state, level, the fiscal system provides an auto-matic boost for flagging state economies, without the need for regional policies or demand management at state level. In Europe such automatic stabilisers do not exist, and to create them

would require substantial transfers of fiscal power to Brussels. America's other overlooked advantage is even more fundamental. Quite simply, it has been a monetary union for more than 100 years. As a result, the regional economies have long since adjusted to the fixed exchange rates effectively estab-

lished at the time of the Civil War,

though not without decades of

hardship in the case of the southern states. The same adjustment would eventually occur in Europe, regardless of when and how EMU began. The trouble is that weaker European countries might suffer as badly as the American south if they joined EMU at the wrong time or the

wrong exchange rate.

The greatest danger of EMU, in fact, is not that it might prevent countries adjusting to shocks in the future, but that it will deliver a devastating blow to some of the weaker economies at the very start and then lock them into a long period of uncompetitiveness.

his seems precisely what has already happened to Spain, Ireland and south-ern Italy because of their membership of the ERM. Far from promoting convergence towards economic equilibrium, the ERM has made these countries steadily less competitive by locking their exchange rates to the Deutschmark before their inflation rates had been reduced to German levels. If these countries joined a permanent monetary union in their present state they would face years of very slow economic growth.

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If EMU is to happen, it will have to start off with a core group of equilibrium with comparable levels of unemployment and inflation. Exchange rates should be fixed only after convergence is completed, not as a way of bringing convergence about. This is the position that Germany, the Benehux countries and France are

increasingly taking. But where does that leave the more inflationary economies such as Britain, Italy and Spain? At present they are behaving as if they are already in a monetary union by sticking to arbitrary exchange rates fixed by the ERM. Even in response to the clearest possible case of a one-off local shock, German reunification, they are resisting any currency realignments. Effectively, they are accepting all of the costs of monetary union, without most of the benefits. The longer they go on fixing their currencies against the mark, the more uncompetitive their

economies become. At some point Britain, Italy and Spain will have to break out of the present structure of the ERM. whether or not their ultimate aim is monetary union.

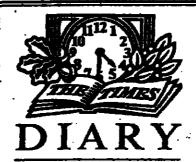
#### Thatcher aide open to offers

harles Powell, the last of Mrs Thatcher's star supporting cast still at Downing Street, is preparing to bow out after seven years as the prime minister's personal secretary and unofficial foreign policy adviser. Although he will accompany John Major to the Rome summit this week, it will be his final foray into European politics as a member of the Downing Street team.

Powell formed a powerful double act with Bernard Ingham, press secretary, which belied his official status as number two to the PM's principal private secretary, Andrew Turnbull. With Ingham he was one of the two most influential members of the Thatcher kitchen cabinet and was at Mrs Thatcher's side at all her international summits since 1983. Speculation about his future has consequently been intense.

Although he has a good relationship with Major, Powell has told friends that he has no intention of outstaying his welcome. Privately he is resigned to the fact that his influence is on the wane, particularly with the new emphasis on collective govern-ment, and has indicated to close friends that he intends to do something new. One highly placed source says: "He is not sure how long he is staying at Downing Street but he expects to go within a couple of months."

But Powell could remain close to foreign affairs, for friends say he has not ruled out the possibility of an ambassadorship, South Africa



are independent, writing about the church and Anglicanism in general. I believe it would be inappropriate for me to sit on the

The decision lends further weight to suggestions that the new archbishop will quietly sideline first church leader in Britain to employ a professional public relations agency. Several are known to have made informal approaches but no decision will be taken until after the new archbishop takes up his post in April.

#### Rhys resurrected

ore than a decade after her death, an unauthorised biography of the author Jean Rhys, best known for Wide Sargasso Sea, has led to a dispute between her family and Francis Wyndham, Rhys's friend and literary executor.

In her will, Rhys insisted that no biography "be written after my death without my express permission being given during my lifetime". That wish, says Rhys's granddaughter, Ellen Moerman, has been disregarded by author

Carole Angier, with Wyndham doing nothing to prevent it. "My grandmother believed her private life was nobody's business." savs Moerman. "She was obsessed with privacy. I know she would be furious about this book. My mother and I objected to it but we were ignored."

Wyndham says: "I'm not going to pretend that I tried to stop publication — I didn't. I suppose I could have withdrawn permission to quote from Jean's work, and part of me wishes I had respected her wish. But the greater part of me felt it would be wrong to stop such an excellent book."

The family, however, refuses to be placated. "Although it is not an unfriendly book it should not have been written," says Ellen Moer-man. "We considered taking legal action, but unfortunately a dead person has no rights."

#### Mission control re the parties to the Inter-

mediate Nuclear Forces Ireaty taking the verification process as seriously as they should? Definitely not, says Major Julian Lawrie of the Scots Guards, one of the two officers appointed by the Ministry of Defence earlier this year to supervise the verification procedure. Shortly after his appointment,

Lawrie was assigned to escort a 30strong Soviet team sent to Britain to inspect American cruise missiles at Greenham Common. "The inspection itself played rather a minor part," Lawrie writes in Guards magazine. "The inspectors were much more interested in going to London and shopping," As a good host, Lawrie abandoned the American interpreter who was to explain the technicalities of cruise to the visitors and took them sight-sceing instead.

But he was able to demonstrate to the Russians the efficiency of British military planning. They wanted to fit a visit to a typical country pub into a tight schedule. Lawrie chose the pub, radioed



ahead - and the visitors stepped from their coach to 40 pints of beer set up on the counter. Of the lack of interest in cruise, Lawrie philosophically observes: "After all, one missile looks very

much like another." • Cheltenham Tories have become so race-sensitive after the selection of John Taylor as prospective parliamentary candidate that some - sounding more like Labour councillors in a loonyleft London borough - are suggesting that a different band be engaged for their Twelfth Night ball. The name of the one at present lined up? After Dark.

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# APPRAISAL ON THE CHEAP

Kenneth Clarke has been characteristically robust in his first switch of policy as education secretary. Brushing aside his predecessor's decision to back away from compulsory appraisal for teachers, he is introducing a system for which he makes the highest claims. It will be simple but effective. It will be popular with teachers and parents. It can be done for nearly nothing. Mr Clarke's pitch is that of a salesman who has suddenly discovered that a rival concern - in this case, the Labour party has launched a competing product, and with an election no more than 18 months away, that comes as no surprise. But parents and teachers alike will want to know whether the product is

In principle, there is a strong demand for it. Parents have a right to know that their children's teachers are being monitored, their weaknesses spotted and their strengths developed as a matter of course. Teachers should benefit from the sort of scrutiny and career development that is now commonplace in the

commercial world. The supply to meet that demand was never going to be delivered by the voluntary scheme favoured by John MacGregor. The dead hand of educational and professional conservatism fell upon it. Though the teaching unions were coming round to the notion, some education authorities were not intending to introduce appraisal at all in the next two years. Others

were to assess teachers who volunteered only. The decision to go for compulsion deals with that problem. Teachers and their unions should have no fear of it. Indeed, some of the education secretary's colleagues on the back benches may feel that he has leaned too far backwards to curry the teachers' favour. Why, they will ask, should individual appraisals be kept from the governors, who bear the ultimate responsibility for the good running of the schools? Why not make the link with pay and

discipline explicit? These are powerful arguments, and in due course, the education secretary will have to address them. But the scheme must first get off the ground. A degree of compromise is justified so teachers do not approach it in a spirit of defensive defiance. Appraisal, as Clarke conceives it, is primarily a tool to improve the performance of the average teacher, not as a means of providing incentives for the best or punishment for the worst. Getting rid of bad teachers is a job for existing disciplinary procedures. Rewarding good teachers should be dealt with through the payfixing machinery. Appraisal is aimed at getting more out of the majority of teachers in the

In principle, therefore, Mr Clarke's proposal strikes the right balance. The doubts concern the practical arrangements. The government developed a bad habit in Mrs Thatcher's years. Local authorities were forever being saddled with new responsibilities, while being denied the resources necessary to fulfil them. Mr Clarke has fallen into the old trap; £9 million was needed for a voluntary scheme; £40 million was estimated by the government's advisers as the likely cost of a compulsary one. Yet Mr Clarke is providing only £10 million.

He hopes that the simplified system he has introduced, featuring out-of-hours training and a workload concentrated on senior teachers with fewer classroom commitments, can prove as effective as the more expensive alternatives on offer. But consumers know that what is bought cheap often turns out to be shoddy. That is only too likely to be the case with Mr Clarke's reforms.

He needs to think again, and if necessary. argue again with the Treasury about the resources to be devoted to the scheme. Neither parents nor teachers will thank him if his much-vaunted reform goes off at half-cock,

#### WALESA CLAIMS HIS CROWN

Long before he received three quarters of the votes cast at Sunday's presidential run-off in Poland, Lech Walesa had considered the office rightfully his. He had created and led the greatest popular movement in the history of resistance to state communism, and done so for nearly a decade before Solidarity entered government in August 1989. For a year or more. Mr Walesa persuaded himself that he did not want the top job. Only when the bleakness of Poland's prospects gave rise to panic did he decide to submit himself to the democratic test. At that point, the electrician from Gdansk nearly came unstuck. In view of the manner of his victory he would be wise even now not to take the confidence of the Polish nation too much for granted.

Mr Walesa saw President Jaruzelski's acceptance of a coalition government of communists, independent "experts" and Solidarity activists under Tadeusz Mazowiecki as no more than a partial abdication of power. While an economic "miracle" remained elusive, the communist bureaucrats either stayed in office or were supplanted by similarly unpopular placemen of Solidarity. Disillusionment with the government grew. Mr Walesa decided that the reputation of democracy itself was at stake.

Thus Lech Walesa threw his influence behind the clamour for a far more radical break with the past, while holding more or less to the deflationary economic course set by the finance minister, Leszek Balcerowicz. That was the Walesa ticket. It was calculated to appeal to the sense of injustice and wounded pride which most Poles still nurse whenever they think of the wasted communist epoch.

Having sensed that the seismic political shift across central Europe which began with the 1989 revolutions had not yet ended, Mr Walesa placed himself to the right of the predominantly social democratic ruling group in Warsaw. The latter nominated the prime minister, Mr Mazowiecki, as their candidate. This election offered Poles their first chance to express a preference between two wings of the democratic spectrum, even though neither candidate had a true party behind him. Shortly before the first round, however, a "third force"

emerged in the shape of Stanislaw Tyminski. A Canadian tycoon of uncertain provenance, Mr Tyminski outflanked Mr Walesa by promising the earth to the dispossessed. A statist libertarian and expatriate patriot, Mr Tyminski became the idol of everyone who felt let down by Solidarity.

It was then that Mr Walesa's fabled political nous failed him, perhaps for the first time since he was surprised by the imposition of martial law in 1981. Confident that he alone spoke for the common man, Mr Walesa first tried to ignore the would-be usurper, then sought to woo back the hordes of Tyminski supporters by outdoing him in blackguarding the government and its media "intellectuals". Stung by this, Mr Mazowiecki's supporters accused Mr Walesa of dictatorial ambitions and of stooping to anti-Semitism. Mr Tyminski overtook Mr Mazowiecki in the first round.

Round two was scarcely more edifying. Mr Walesa crushed his rival with an ad hominem campaign of sustained ferocity - at a price. Though the insults Mr. Walesa hurled at Mr. Tyminski were more credible than the other way about, the campaign served only to deprive the new democracy of most of its remaining dignity. Nearly half the electorate stayed at home on Sunday, failing to partipate despite 50 years of exclusion from democracy.

Now Mr Walesa has a chance to redeem himself. Abstentions notwithstanding, he can claim support from all classes, from all age groups, from Warsaw as well as the countryside. A mandate that broad may never exist again, as politics in Poland becomes further polarised in the run-up to free parliamentary elections next spring.

Mr Walesa has discovered the limits of his popularity. He would be unwise to seek to extend his powers before he and the new parliament ratify a democratic Polish constitution next May. This elected president should have no need to copy the military men on horseback from Poland's past. As the only thoroughbred in the Polish political stable, Mr Walesa deserved to win. As he celebrates, let him not forget that the Polish people remain in the saddle, not the other way round.

#### AN ELECTRIFYING OFFER

The electricity privatisation was deemed "an outstanding success" yesterday by energy secretary John Wakeham. In what way? Though the issue was ten times oversubscribed, only one in ten of the people who used to "own" the electricity industry will now do so. Most of the latter will either sell their shares and pocket the profit immediately, or simply stuff the certificates under their mattresses with no thought of risk, entrepreneurship or small people's capitalism.

Mr Wakeham declared portentously that "the continued overwhelming public interest in participating in privatisation shows the public's support for the regional electricity companies and for privatisation." This is genteel rot. The public cares not a fig for the regional electricity companies and not much for privatisation. Most polls show, if anything, that people think too many industries are being sold off. Had Mr Wakeham decided to sell his aunt's doorknob factory in the same way with a label round its chimneys marked "money for free" - he would doubtless have been met with the same interest; not in doorknobs, nor in the transfer of ownership, but in the guarantee of a Christmas present

from the government. Conservatives approve of widening shareownership, partly for the warm feeling it is supposed to induce of capitalism and individualism and a personal stake in the nation's infrastructure, partly because they hope that shareowners, like homeowners, will be more likely to vote Tory. With 11 million shareholders, that makes some 17,000 per constituency if

This is a misconception of what these prievenly spread. vatisations have involved. They are another rather expensive way of selling gilt-edged securities to people who normally buy savings

certificates. Such buyers are rarely tempted to buy and sell other shares. Around 60 per cent of the new shareowners hold shares in only one company, and a mere 10 per cent have shares in four or more. Only 14 per cent hold shares that they bought through the stock market. That institution, and the concepts of risk and reward, remain a mystery to the rest. When Mori interviewed people who first bought shares in British Telecom, it found that 80 per cent thought that in buying their shares they were incurring a low risk or none at all. Over half thought their investment less risky or no more risky than keeping money in a building society.

Moreover, of this sample, only 14 per cent intended to vote Labour, with 53 per cent supporting the Tories, and 31 per cent, the then SDP-Liberal Alliance. It seems that the Conservative government is selling shares mainly to the converted. The British Social Attitudes survey found that shareholders do indeed tend to be more individualist, regardless of their class. Mori sampling shows that 90 per cent of people who own privatised shares also own their own homes, compared with 66 per cent of the total population. The go-getters will always go and get, given half a chance.

What the government gives them is a whole chance. Only once, when the stock market crashed just as the government was selling off its BP stake, have widely-marketed privatisations offered anything less than easy money to anyone who can be bothered to fill in a coupon, write a cheque and find a pin. Ministers want Britons to become risk-takers, yet the less risk is involved in a privatisation, the more successful it is deemed to be. This has nothing to do with people's capitalism, only with "the way they price 'em".



### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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The other way of escape is to

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ing sources. There are signs that

farmers and governments, each in

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of Gatt talks will finally end in

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January, it is well to look at who

within the EC would actually

benefit (in the short term) from

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A trade war would enable

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freed as they would be from the

competition of America and Ja-

pan. This dominance would be

further assisted by cutting off

British and Dutch industry from

their inter-continental markets.

In considering the potential advantages which would flow to

the Germans in particular in the

event of a trade war, the obstinacy

that they are showing in protecting

their farmers becomes much more

Yours faithfully,

DENIS BRITTON.

29 Chequers Park, Wye, Ashford, Kent.

From Mr M. S. Living

small farmers in business".

#### Finding ways to resolve the stalemate over Gatt

From Mrs Ann Clwyd, MP for Cynon Valley (Labour)

Sir, Whatever the final outcome of the Gan negotiations, now that they have been deferred (report, December 8), developing countries look set to lose out because their views have been ignored by the EC and US.

If Gatt collapses and the CAP (common agricultural policy) thrives, cheap food dumped on developing countries will carry on putting small farmers out of business. A Gatt agreement to cut farm subsidies in the North would give an enormous boost in the long term to food-producers in the Third World. But in return the North is demanding drastic sac-

rifices by developing countries.
Liberalisation of agricultural markets in developing countries would spell disaster for millions of poor farming families. In the EC and US farm subsidies create surpluses, but for the rural poor of the Third World they make the difference between growing enough to eat and to earn a living or going hungry. The poor have no alternative to working the land and, however cheap imported food, many could never afford to buy it. In Africa 100 million people are

undernourished, and 10 million now face famine. Clearly it is vital that governments promote food production and food security and special allowance should be made for this in Gatt rules.

The British government prom-ised to consider the environmental effects of trade agreements at the Bergen conference earlier this year, but it hasn't given them a thought. Gatt proposals would severely limit Third World governments' ability to regulate foreign companies involved in logging, dumping toxic waste, or mining. Legislation to protect scarce resources, such as the bans on export of unprocessed tropical timber in Indonesia and the Philippines, would have to be

repealed because they affect trade. Developing countries are not in a position to challenge Gatt rules.

Sir, By "reviewing" the commu-

nity charge the government implicitly accepts the blame (or

credit) for anything that follows -

yet, without significant policy changes, the initiative in setting

high charges will remain with local

is the level of the charge. No

matter how much external finance

reaches a local council, it will -

with one or two exceptions -

charge what it can get away with.

The government has no power to

ensure even that the £3,000 billion

extra for 1990-1 will relieve the

Even the total removal of

education spending from council

budgets would in some authorities.

merely allow receipts from the

same level of charge to be spent

elsewhere, while longer-term argu-ments would take place about the

proper level of spending which the

ment has no power to limit the

level of the charge — only the total a council spends. That anomaly should be rectified without delay.

The 1990-1 charges should have

been universally capped to hold spending at 1989-90 levels plus

inflation; in fact local government

spending massively increased over

But information is the lubricant

We now know that the govern-

government should support.

The public's principal concern

Poll tax review

councils.

chargepayer.

that period,

From Mr Andrew Turner

The punishment is severe trade or else attain a level of economy in retaliation by the North, somethe use of resources far above thing that developing countries, desperate for foreign exchange to pay debts and buy imports, cannot this, though responding to the realities of the situation, can only

It is up to the negotiators from all countries to ensure that whatever they finally agree does not stifle development or environmental protection.

Yours sincerely, ANN CLWYD (Shadow minister for overseas development), House of Commons. December 8.

From Professor Emeritus D. K. Britton

Sir, The refreshing realism of Michael Hornsby's article (December 5) on agricultural subsidies should be welcomed. The present deplorable impasse in the Gatt negotiations would never have been reached if the plain message that "trying to keep all small farmers in business is un-realistic" and that "ultimately incomes can be sustained only by reducing the number of farmers had penetrated the thinking of those who shape European agricultural policy.

The arithmetic is not complicated, though it may be brutal, even for Britain with its favourable farm-size structure, Farm workers are now asking for a minimum of £9,360 a year (report, December 4). If a family farming today requires a minimum in-come of, say, £12,000 - that is, the amount left after paying all their bills for farm purchases, wages, rent and interest - they will have to achieve receipts from sales of about £75,000. On a farm of 40 hectares (100 acres) this means £1,900 a hectare; but the national average on all UK farms is about £1,000 a hectare, even if we leave all the "rough grazings" out of account

So if the smaller farmers are to survive, most of them will have to intensify production (thereby aggravating the downward pressure of supplies on market prices),

thority, the charge which would, in 1990-1, have supported (assum-ing present levels of external finance) a standstill budget.

Councils should be required to bill chargepayers promptly and to include accurate rebates, properly attributed to the Exchequer, on bills where they can be calculated. Other changes would doubtless reduce administrative costs — for example, having a fixed registra-tion date each year instead of trying to keep track of every move by every chargepayer, and removing restrictions which prevent councils recording (for those who volunteer it) non-statutory information to aid collection.

None of this is to say that the community charge has failed. Reports from Scotland suggest that increases this year were significantly below those in the first year. The national nondomestic rate is helping businesses and bringing back jobs in declin ing inner-city areas, and councils like Hackney are now seriously considering moderating their im-

The uncertainty frightens backbenchers who fear for their seats but the charge is clear and easily understood, and surely sends the intended signals to local government electors.

Your obedient servant. ANDREW TURNER (Prospective parliamentary candidate), Hackney South and Shoreditch Conservative Association. 18a Furlong Road, N7. December 2.

to imply that such justification has

Paradoxically, the effects of further erosion of LEA expen-

diture are likely to be detrimental

to schools and their pupils: no

school will be able to achieve with

a small proportion of a capital expenditure budget what a local

authority could with a lump sum;

nor is any head teacher likely to

take on the complicated liaison

that any service shared between

quality education, we must have vehicles for its delivery which are

not institutions bogged down in a

nine-to-four academic routine and

interminable meetings.

If we wish to provide high

suddenly evaporated.

schools requires.

Yours faithfully,

103 Links Road,

Cullercoats

C. G. JOHNSON,

School funding

of democracy - even now the government could publish clearer figures showing, for each au-

From Mr C. G. Johnson Sir, Your report (December 3) of proposals to "free" £1 billion from education budgets for direct use by schools glossed over many of the uses to which local education authorities put this money. The government itself decided

that LEAs should remain responsible for capital expenditure and school transport; and, further, that they could remain responsible for items such as special needs provision, psychological services, peripatetic music teachers, and library services where "the needs of pupils overall will be met more effectively".

These discretionary exceptions to delegation had to be justified on their merits at the time each local management scheme was approved by the secretary of state for education, so it makes a nonsense

Stress in Ambridge

From Mr Robin Rhoderick-Jones

Sir, Dennis Marshall-Hasdell

(December 1) may be right to envy

Ambridge its isolation from last

month's political upheaval; but he

can hardly describe the village as

Shula is sinking into a deep

decression as a result of losing her

beby and until recently was in

grave danger of being dropped, at

least spiritually, by her husband;

Jill and Kenton are distraught.

Jean-Paul (the finest chef in

Borsetshire) has caused almost

terminal anguish to his erstwhile

employer by transferring his loyal-

ties to the silky Nelson and his

The Royal Air Force has

wrought pre-Christmas havoc

among Clint and the rest of Joe

and Eddie's turkeys; and Peggy's

forthcoming marriage to Jack

Woolley, although to be per-

formed by the notable Cyril,

Bishop of Felpersham, has caused

a deep schism among her anyway

impossible children.

"a tranquil haven

wine bar.

North Shields, Tyne and Wear. December 3. Is it any wonder that they haven't found time to take even a

passing interest in the sacking of a mere prime minister? Yours, almost despairingly, ROBIN RHODERICK-JONES, Sheldon Court Sheldon, Honiton, Devon. December 2,

From Mrs D. R. Millard Sir. Ambridge has not always existed in a sort of never-never land, untouched by current events and everyday affairs.

On October 16, 1964, the day that Harold Wilson was first elected as prime minister, I was in The Archers studio with Godfrey Baseley, the initiator of the series and its editor for many years. When the news of Wilson's victory was phoned through from London, between 5.30 and 6 pm, Godfrey re-wrote the script for that eve-

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Twyford Down From Sir Geoffrey Jellicoe

30 Kempsford Gardens, SW5.

understandable.

Yours faithfully,

M. S. LIVING,

December 10.

Sir, As landscape consultant to the City of London in the mid 1970s I encouraged the construction of a cut-and-fill tunnel, about 480 yards long, under Epping Forest. This plan was adopted by the ministry and the extra cost has long been swallowed. I see no reason why there should

not be a similar treatment for Twyford Down, with central pillars, at a vastly lesser cost than the awe-inspiring estimate. This cost would soon be swallowed, but the mangled body would be there for ever. What is proposed would be like a surgeon's cut across the flow of the arteries.

Yours faithfully GEOFFREY JELLICOE, 14 Highpoint, North Hill, Highgate, No. December 1.

Light of liberty? From Mr Tim Miller and

Mr Anthony Barnett

Sir, The open society that the prime minister calls for is extremely unlikely if not impossible without constitutional changes. Thus Mary Ann Sieghart's article ("Is that liberty's light ahead?", November 29) which argues that John Major should put aside his predecessor's "illiberalism" is especially welcome.

We support her suggestions for much less secrecy, for the equivalent of a British Bill of Rights, for independence for local government, for replacing the House of Lords with a democratic chamber and for electoral reform. In effect, these would add up to a nev constitution, along the lines called for by Charter 88's supporters. John Major himself, speaking

this week at his offical endorsement as leader of his party, says that constitutional evolution is part of the Tory credo, So far, however, few Conservatives have joined us in working towards a new constitutional structure. Perhaps your readers could help explain this increasingly out-ofdate reticence.

Yours sincerely, TIM MILLER (Chair of the Executive). ANTHONY BARNETT (Coordinator),

Charter 88, Panther House, 38 Mount Pleasant, WC1. December 6.

ning's episode, so that Phil and Jill could discuss it over their pre-

prandial sherry shortly after 7 pm. On May 31, 1965, HM the Queen entertained 6,000 of her fellow WI members to a garden party at Buckingham Palace to mark their golden jubilee. One of my jobs was to go to the Palace press room and telephone through to Birmingham to let the Archers know what the Queen and the other royal ladies were wearing, what was in the sandwiches, etc., and what the weather was like (it was bitterly cold). As a result, when Dan picked Doris up from the Palace, she was able to tell him all about it as they drove home to Ambridge, and the whole world could be told at 7.05 that evening, within a few hours of the event. Yours sincerely.

MOLLY MILLARD (PRO, National Federation of Vomen's Institutes, 1960-70). Mill Ford House, Hall Street, Long Melford, Sudbury, Suffolk. December 4.

Warm tribute after cold night From Mr John Lloyd

Sir, I was one of thousands of motorists stranded on the M6 during the blizzard last Saturday, trapped for almost eight hours on the Birmingham elevated section of the M6. I constantly listened to the traffic news on West Midlands radio to hear the worsening road reports. Early in the evening I heard the offer of shelter by the National Exhibition Centre for all those motorists who could get there. This offer was the one piece of good news amidst all the bad.

I eventually got to the NEC at about 10.30 pm, ured and exhausted, to be given free food and drink and a warm place to sleep for the night. For this I was very grateful; so, I am sure, were the other 1,000 or so motorists who managed to reach the NEC.

The NEC management and staff reacted promptly and efficiently and by their kindness saved many from a cold night in their cars. Thank you.

Yours sincerely, J. LLOYD. 48 Bury Road. Old Harlow, Essex. December 9.

From Mr Hugh Lowe Sir, Can our environmentalists confirm that the apparent severe reduction of numbers in yet another species - the council

gritting lorry - has been caused by global warming? Yours faithfully, HUGH LOWE Barons Place, Mereworth, Nr Maidstone, Kent. December 9.

Major's defence tasks From Professor Geoffrey Lee Williams

Sir, Now that we have a prime minister, with an open mind, I would respectfully suggest that Mr Major turns his attention to the Single European Act which, inter alia, under article 30, refers to the need for a defence-industrial policy at the European level. There are now three reasons for him to put this matter on the agenda.

First, the increasing unlikelihood that the German government will procure the European fighter aircraft, even though they are funding the R&D for the project (report, November 27), in effect puts in doubt the future of this multi-national project, in which Britain has a 33 per cent. share. The potential loss of a sophisticated new aircraft for Nato has serious strategic implica-

tions for the future. Secondly, the expected job losses at British Aerospace arising from the cancellation of 30-plus Tornado üghter aircraft: – with further job losses to follow highlights the Kleinwort Benson securities report about the bleak prospects for the defence-related : ndustries in the UK (report,

November 30). Thirdly, at the European level, the takeover of MBB (Messerschmitt Bölkow-Blohm) by Daimler-Benz in Germany, together with the emergence of Sextant Avionique in France, a jointsubsidiary arising from the merger between Aerospatiale and Thom-son CSF, has created Europe's largest defence avionics supplier. This raises critical questions concerning the future structure of European defence industries.

Does the cabinet have the will to play a really constructive part in hammering out a European defence industrial policy with its European partners? Yours sincerely,

GEOFFREY LEE WILLIAMS, Institute of Political and Economic Studies. 18 Warkworth Street, Cambridge,

Age discrimination From the Director of

Age Concern England

Sir, Mr Bryan Cassidy, MEP, rightly raises the point (November 28) that age discrimination in employment is not just a British problem. Although legislation exists in France to ban age limits in recruitment advertising and to encourage the employment of older workers, the problem is still . endemic in the rest of the EC. It is detrimental to the British and surely other economies as well as distressing and unjust to the individual

The campaign to ban ageism in recruitment, launched on November 21 by the Alliance Against Ageism, is directed equally at the public, private and voluntary sectors, and indeed at the media which frequently carries and therefore perpetuates the scourge. Age Concern is also involved in a campaign at a European level; through Eurolink-Age on this issue. We hope that the European Parliament will decide to take up and act upon this issue. Yours faithfully.

SALLY GREENGROSS. Director, Age Concern England, Astral House,

1268 London Road, SW16. December, 4.

Going downbill fast From Mr Jim Rouse

Sir. You quote Mr Roy Hattersley as saying "Britain must be in the fast lane and on the high ground" (report, December 4). Does he intend to see that Britain goes downhill very fast? Yours faithfully, JIM ROUSE, 104 Overstone Road, Sywell, Northampton.

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#### **COURT CIRCULAR**

Captain Alexander Baillie-

The Princess Royal this

evening attended The Abbey-field Bristol Society Extra Care

Appeal Christmas Concert at St

Mary Redeliffe Church, Bristol and was received by Sir Reginald Verdon-Smith Deputy Lieutenant of Avon).

Mrs Timothy Holderness

Roddam was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE

December 10: The Prince of Wales received Vice-Admiral

Sir John Cox in connection with

HMS Bronington. His Royal Highness received

Miss Sofia Dettman. The Princess of Wales left

Royal Air Force Northolt this morning for Belgium to under-

take engagements in Brussels.

Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith,

Mr Patrick Jephson and Mr Richard Arbiter were in

attendance.
The Princess of Wales was

represented by Sir David Lumsden at a Service of

Thanksgiving for the Life of the Lord Swann which was held in Westminster Abbey, today.

December 10: The Princess

Margaret, Countess of Snowdon

KENSINGTON PALACE

Enrick were in anendance.

Today's royal

engagements

The Queen will hold an

The Duke of Edinburgh, as

a reception and dinner at the society's house at 6.50.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen

Mother will attend a reception

at St James's Palace at 6.15 to mark the 550th anniversary of Eton College. The Duke of Gloucester, as President of the

Old Etonian Association, will

The Prince of Wales, Duke of

Cornwall, will visit the Jewellery

Business Centre, 95 Spencer

The Duke of York will attend a

reception on board HMY Britannia at 6.45.

The Princess Royal will open De La Rue House, Jays Close, Viables, Basingstoke, at 11.00; as Chancellor of London University, will visit the School of Slavonic and East European

Studies at 3.00 to mark its 75th

anniversary; and, as President of the Save the Children Fund,

Never Ending Story II at the Warner West End cinema,

The Duke of Kent will open

the new headquarters of

Electrosonic at Hawley Road.

The Duchess of Kent will open

the annual exhibition of the

Royal Institute of Oil Painters at The Mall Gallenes at 3.00.

The Governors of Millfield have appointed Mr Richard Smyth, MA to be Headmaster of

MA, to be Headmaster of Edgarley Hall from September, 1991. Mr Smyth, currently Headmaster of Terra Nova

School, Cheshire, is aged 43 and

married with two sons. He will

succeed Mr George Marsh.

Eton College

Half on January 7.

Harrow School

The Governors of Harrow

School are pleased to announce that General Sir John Akehurst

has been elected Chairman, with

effect from May 1991, in

succession to Sir Robin Butler. Mr J.M. Hignett has been elected a Governor.

The engagement is announced between Frederic, son of the late Jonkheer Theodore Smits van Oyen and of Mrs Marianne Smits van Oyen, of Brussels.

and Sophy, daughter of Mr and Mrs Serge Maltzoff, of Paris.

The marriage took place on Thursday, December 6, 1990, in

London, between Mr John

Fishbourne and Mrs Jean

Greaves, widow of Mr John F. Greaves, CBE.

The marriage took place on Friday, December 7, 1990, at St

Simon Zelotes, Upper Chelsea,

terween Major Roderick Pole Winser. The Royal Green

Jackets, and Miss Susannah Rockes, Mr William

Molesworth-St Aubyn was best

and Miss S. Maltzoff

Marriages

Major R.P. Whoser

and Miss S. Roeves

Mr J.A. Fishbourne and Mrs J.M. Greaves

Edgarlev Hall

Glastonbury

Leicester Square, at 7.30.

Dartford, at 2.30.

Street, Birmingham, at 2.40.

also attend.

Hamilton was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE December 10: The Earl of Airlie (Lord Chamberlain) had an audience of The Queen and presented an Address from the House of Lords to which Her Majesty was graciously pleased to make reply.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Trustee of the Council, attended

a Council Meeting and Luncheon at St George's House,

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron of the George Cross Island Memorial Seige Bell Trust Appeal, this evening attended a presentation on Operation Pedestal and after-wards dinner at the Imperial War Museum.
Mr Bnan McGrath was in

The Duke of Edinburgh was represented by Sir John Burnett at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Lafe of the Lord Swann which was held in Westminster
Abbey, today.
By command of The Queen,

the Lord Cavendish of Furness (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London this evening upon the departure of The President of the Republic of The Gambia and Lady Jawara and bade farewell to Their Excellencies on behalf of Her

was present this evening at a Carol Concert held at the Guards Chapel, Wellington Majesty.
The Duke of York this morning performed the "Top-ping Out" of the Cripplegate ping Out" of the Cripplegate Institute, Golden Lane, London EC1, and was received by the Barracks, in aid of the Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund. The Lady Glenconner and Major The Lord Napier and Right Hon the Lord Mayor (Sir

#### Birthdays today

Sir Anthony Abell, former colonial administrator, 84: Admiral of the Fleet Sir Edward Ashmore, 71: Miss Anna Carteret, actress, 48; Lord Sir Robert Fellowes, Private Secretary to The Queen, 49; Professor Sir Robert Grieve, town and regional planner, 80;

Sir Kenneth MacMillan, choreographer, 61; Mr Chff Michelmore, broadcaster and television producer, 71; Mr Wilfrid Newton, chairman, London Regional Transport, 62; Mr D.E. Plownght, chairman. Granada Television, 60; Mr Carlo Ponti, film producer, 77;

Mr Patrick Reyntiens, glass painter, 65; Sir Francis Sandilands, former chairman, Commercial Union Assurance, 77; Mr Alexander Solzhenitsyn, author, 72; Miss S.A. Spencer, author, 72; Miss S.A. Spencer, former general secretary, the National Council for Civil Liberues. 38: Mr Sebastian Walker, publisher, 48; Mrs Sheila Walker, former chief commissioner, Girl Guides Association, 73; Mr C.F.J. Younger, former chairman, Respicer, Society 82 Younger, former Brewers' Society, 82.

#### Luncheon

HM Covernment Su Patrick Wright, Permanent Under-Secretary of State and Head of the Diplomatic Service, was host at a luncheon held yesierday at Admiralty House in honour of Admiral Sir James Royal Institute of International

Among those present were Mr David Howell, MP, the Hon David Gore-Booth, Sir Christopher Tugendhat, Sir Michae Franklin, Professor Robert O'Neill, Dr Helen Wallace. Mr Edward Morumer and Mr Robert Cooper.

#### Service dinner

King's Own Scottish Borderers

The London and Southern Counties branch held their bicounties branch field their biennial ladies' evening on Si
Andrew's right at the Victory
Services Club. The principal
guests included the Colonel of
The Regiment. Brigader C.G.
Mattingley, and Mrs.
Mattingley, Dame Jean Maxnell-Sect. the Adjustant Genwell-Scott, the Adjutant-Gen-eral General Sir Robert Pascoe and Lady Pascoe and the Chaplain-General, the Rev James Harkness and Mrs Harkness, A gracious message was received from the Colonel-in-Chief, HRH Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester. The chairman, Major P.B. de T. Rooke, presided.

#### Forthcoming marriages Jonkheer F.L. Smits van Oyen

Captain R.G. Arundel! and Captain J.C. Greenwood,

OARANC The engagement is announced between Ralph Graham Arundell, The Light Infantry, only son of Mr and Mrs G. Arundell, of Portishead, Bristol, and Jane Cecilia, eldest daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel (reid) W.R. Greenwood. OBE. and Mrs Greenwood, of West Ashton, Willshire,

Mr G.A.C. Dresser and Miss C.P. Cartlidge The engagement is announced between Guy, son of Mr and Mrs Clive Dresser, of Surbiton, Surrey, and Claire, daughter of Mr and Mrs William P. Cartlidge, of Hampstead,

Mr S.N. Perry and Mrs K.J. Milke The engagement is announced Simon, younger son of the late Mr Raymond Perry and of Mrs Marion Barbara Perry, of

Purley, Surrey, and Karen, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs C. Milke, of Tom's River, New Jersey, USA, Mr R.W. Sharp and Miss A.S.C. Serjeant

spent in Malaya.

#### **OBITUARIES**

Tadeusz Kantor, Polish actor. director and visual artist, died of a heart attack in the early hours of December 8 in Cracow aged 75. He was born in Wielopole on April 6, 1915.

TADEUSZ Kantor spent a lifetime among the dead. Haunted by the spectres of the past, anguished by today's cadavers in the making, he was Charon's counterpart, ferrying images from the lower world, first into his singular set designs for the Teatr Stary in Cracow and later into his own funereal, but never macabre, productions performed by the Teatr Cricot II, founded by Kantor and a group of Cracow painters in 1956.

Named after the original Cricot pre-war theatre set up by Cracow artists in 1937, Cricot II's most celebrated production is undoubtedly The Dead Class, set in a depressing school room, whose decrepit pupils carry the corpses of their childhood on their backs, doomed to repeat in death the mistakes they made when alive. Premiered in Cracow in 1975, it subsequently toured the world and established Kantor as an important figure in the postwar avant-garde theatre movement. It was seen at the Edinburgh Festival and subsequently at the Riverside Studios, Hammersmith, in

When Kantor was born in a tiny village on the outskirts of Cracow, his father was away fighting at the front. For the birth his mother moved in with her uncle, the local priest whose house was next to the investiture at Buckingham Palace at 11.00. Rabbi's. It was here admidst this war-tormented, profoundly East European and President of the Royal Society for the encouragement of Arts. Manufactures and Commerce, will present the Albert Medal at predominantly Jewish community that the infant Kantor began to furnish what he liked to call his "room of the imagination".

He graduated from the Cracow Academy of Fine Arts in 1939. During the Nazi occupation he founded the underground Independent Theatre. After the war he became a stage designer with Stary, but soon became distillusioned with the institutionalised

avant-garde theatre. Cricot II was created and in the 1960s Kantor staged theatrical bappenings and evolved a dramatic style where the text was scanty and the performers were used almost as props. Kantor described the work of Cricot II as "an attempt to create a sphere of free and disinterested artistic behav-He did much to make

known the work of the surrealist playwright and thinker Witkiewicz, who committed suicide in 1939 when the Germans invaded Poland. In the 1970s Kantor developed the "theatre of death", where life and death hold equal court. Kantor himself was a sort of master of ceremonies. His presence on stage in recent years became an integral part of his theatre, either in person or as a shadowy personage dressed in his habitual white shirt and black braces, hovering on the boundaries of the action. The ambiguous, agitated and anguished figure was a mirror image of the man himself.

Kantor's attempt to open metaphorically the tombs of Poland in order to reveal a mysterious, often obscure global living truth, found kindred souls in Italy and France. In 1971, French minister of culture, Jack Lang, then artistic director of the Nancy Theatre Festival invited Cricot II to perform and did much to bring Kantor's work to the fore in Western Europe. Kantor was a regular visitor to Paris and during the 1980s it was there, in the context of



Night, created at this year's mer he asked Avignon Festi-Avignon Festival with a group val director Alain of artists.

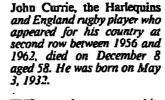
TADEUSZ KANTOR

For some time he had talked about his death. His output of which he could die. But he and was later taken work in recent years had died in Cracow at the end of a hospital.

Crombecque to find him a house in the town, one in

of his most profound work, tally exhausted, turning his due to be premiered in Paris in including I Will Never Come thin expressive features as January. Kantor flew into one Back (1988) and Oh Gentle grey as his decors. This sumof his characteristic rages (provoked by an internal not external dissatisfaction). he walked out of the rehearsal

#### JOHN CURRIE



THE second-row partnership of John Currie and David Marques illuminated English rugby union during the late 1950s and he later became a radical chairman of the Harlequins club. Currie was a forceful forward who develnational team over six years. country, including the 1957 season when England won the second world war.

John David Currie was born in Bristol. He went to Bristol Grammar School and thence to Wadham College, Oxford, where he read geography and played in the university match in four successive years. In every one he played against Marques,

John Currie, the Harlequins the Cambridge lock, and the stage. Marques's extra height and England rugby player who two subsequently came to- made him a natural middlegether in the Harlequins second row.

Currie had already played aged 58. He was born on May for Clifton and Somerset - he also played cricket for the county and at university and his club career subsequently took him to Bristol, Northern and West of Scotland, as his business career with the Imperial Tobacco Company carried him first to with him to those member of England's inter- clubs after his international career ended was of consid-He appeared 25 times for his erable value to the younger

men with whom he played. But it is his classic partnerrugby's grand slam, a feat they ship with Marques in 22 have achieved only twice since internationals together that will be remembered. Currie had a dual qualification but turned down an invitation to play in a Scottish trial so as to take his chance with England. He and Marques came together against Wales in 1956. two of ten debutants, when Currie's goal-kicking was also

of-the-line jumper while Currie, at 6ft 3in and 15st, played at the front where his mauling ability (he was nicknamed "Muscles") came into play.

His last international was against France in 1962 but in the middle 1970s his expertise was required again, as a selector. In 1980 he became chairman of Harlequins at a time when the club's standing Newcastle then to Glasgow. had declined. He was a focal Indeed the experience he part of a committee which overhauled drastically the playing side of the club so as to prepare for league nugby which Currie (and others) were convinced would soon be adopted in England.

The fruits of his labours were best seen, however, in the 1988 cup final, in which Harlequins beat Bristol to become the first London side to hold the trophy. In the same year Currie's term as chairman ended but he continued to serve on the committees of Hartequins and Middlesex.

He is survived by Pat, his

#### BILL HARDMAN

Bill Hardman, American jazz trumpeter, died in Paris on December 5 aged 57. He was born in Cleveland, Onio, on April 6, 1933.

BILL Hardman belonged to. the line of trumpeters steeped in the idiom which came to be. known as "hard bop". Overshadowed by Clifford Brown, .. Lee Morgan and Freddie Hubbard, he was nevertheless a formidable player whose reputation perhaps stood higher amongst his fellowprofessionals than the jazz

public at large.
As a child, Hardman took lessons on a cornet that his father had reluctantly ourchased from a pawn shop, and ... while still at high school-performed with the composerarranger Tadd Dameron... Turning professional at 18, he eventually went on the road with the rhythm and blues band of Tiny Bradshaw.

Touring the so-called chitin' circuit of small clubs gave him a sobering introduction to the life of a . travelling musician. He laterrecalled how, at one venue in the rural South, gatecrashers, used a cow as a battering ramto force their way in past the

doormen. Eager to play jazz rather than the limited repertoire of rythm and blues. Hardmanjoined forces with the alto. saxophonist Jackie McLean in 1955. Both men briefly foundtheir way into the Jazz Work- .. shop run by the mercurial Charles Mingus. Hardman appeared with Mingus at the 1956 Newport Jazz Festival, but he was soon lured away by: an offer to join Art Blakey's Jazz Messengers, the ideal training ground for young. hard bop musicians. He stayed with Blakey until 1958, working with him again in the late 1960s,

Hardman was on hand in-1957 when the Messengers made a recording with pianist ... Thelonious Monk for the Atlantic label. Like somany other soloists, Hardman ... admitted that he had difficulty absorbing the rules of Monk's idiosyncratic compositions.: The problem was not helped by Monk's refusal to allow the band to see the sheet music: the musicians were expected to learn pieces simply by listening to Monk tap them out at the keyboard. Despite this, Hardman's contribution belongs among the best of his recorded output. He can also be heard in the expanded lineup on another Blakey session. Art Blakey's Big Band.

After a short spell with Horace Silver, Hardman began an intermittent, 17-year, collaboration with the altoist Lou Donaldson. As hard bop declined in popularity, work became more and more elu-sive. He was, however, back... with Mingus in 1969 for a series of live dates in New York. In 1972 he helped form\_ the large-scale ensemble, Brass Company, which also featuredthe drummer Billy Higgins and the bass player Bill Lee, father of the film-maker Spike Lee. In later years Hardman recorded for the Muse label. and kept up his public profile as co-leader of a group with wife, two sons and a daughter. I the saxophonist Junior Cook.

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# Memorial services

Lord Swann The Duke of Edinburgh was represented by Sir John Burnett represented by Sir John Burnett and the Princess of Wales by Sir The Michaelmas Half at Eton David Lumsden at a service of thanksgiving for the life of Lord College ends today, Mr W.H. Moseley is returning from his house. In the final of the House Association, Mr M.T. Philhps's Swann held yesterday in Westminster Abbey.
The Dean of Westminster drew with Dr T.C. Bassey's nil all. School opens for the Lent

officiated, assisted by the Rev Alan Luff, Precentor, the Bishop of London, brother-in-law, and Canon Donald Gray who said

Mr Edward Heath, MP, and Mr Marmaduke Hussey, Chairman of the Board of Governors of the BBC, read the lessons and the Hon Richard Swann, son, read from the St George's House lecture delivered by Lord Swann on April 20, 1990. Professor the Hon Murdoch Mitchison and Lord Bonham-Carter gave

The Rev Ernest Rea, the Rev T. McCabe, Canon Paul Bates, Canon Colin Semper, Canon James Mansel, Canon Michael Moxon and the Rev Michael Hayes were robed and in the Sacrarium. The Archbishop of Canterbury was represented by the Bishop of Winchester. The Lord Chancellor and Lady Mackay of Clashfern attended and the Leader of HM Oppo-sition was represented by Mr Robin Corbett, MP. Among others present were:

Lady Swann (widow), Dr the Hon Peter and Mrs Swann (son and data)Merin law), Mr and the Hon Mrs Christopart Carneti and Mr and the Hon Mrs Hon Mrs Hon Mrs Hon Mrs Robert Watson (sometin law and data)Merin in Hon Mrs Robert Swann, Niss Lucy Carnett, Miss Swann, Niss Lucy Carnett, Miss Emma Carnett, Mrs Smon Garnett, Miss Fesa Watson and Jame Watson (grandthilaren), Mr and Mrs H Swann Hopper (stepsiser), Mrs Aj J Christopa (stater in law), Nrs Graham Leonard (stater), Mrs Hon Mrs Hopper (stater in law), Mrs Moria Robert (stater in law), Mrs Moria Robert (stater in law). Mrs Moria Robert (stater in law). Mrs Moria Robert (stater in law). Mrs B Carnett Drofesser Watter Ellan, Miss Sufficial Mrs Alan Miss Mrs Lan, Mrs Buth Ellan, Mrs Brit Lillan, Protestor and Mrs Alan Milline, Mr Max Hooper, Mr and Mrs John Gleadower.

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Goodden, Mr Jason Goodden, Mr and Mrs Horatio Goodden, Mr and Mrs Michael Arnell, Mrs Wyndham Goodden, Mr William Nelson Goodden, Mrs Susanna Goodden, Miss Louise Swann, Mr Jonathan Cod Mr Aubrey Roberts, Air Vice-Marshal and Mrs D L Attiee, Mr and Mrs P A Ravenshear, Mr and Mrs A B Loudon, Mr and Mrs Coke-Steel, Dr James and Dr Holcyon Leonard, Mr Mark Leonard, Mrs C L Ennis, Dr C Race, Mr and Mrs Rithard Archer, Miss Amanda Fisher, Dr and Mrs Gliver Fisher, Mrs Molly Dykes, Mr and Mrs Wilson, Mr and Mrs Dick Walker, Or and Mrs Charles Goodhart, Miss Mary Thatcher.

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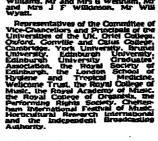
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Sir Clifford Cherwood, Wardens, and their ladies. The Master presided and the other Archbishop of Westminster, the Lord Mayor, Professor Harold Ellis and Mr Johnson.

Lord Jenkins of Hillhead was a speaker at a dinner discussion held last night at the

Athenacum. Sir Alcon



Mr Philip Pouncey A memoral service for Mr Philip Pouncey was held yes-terday at Si George's, Hanover Square. The Rev W.M. Alkins officiated, assisted by Canon Cosmo Pouncey, brother, the Rev George Bright and Father

Kidane Lebasi. Mr David Scrase, Keeper of Paintings and Drawings at the Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge, read the litary and Mr Julien Stock, Director of Old Master Paintings at Sotheby's, read the bidding prayers. Colonel Christian Zyromski Miss Cristiana Romalli and Mr Francesco Chiarini, grandson. read the lessons. Mr John Gere gave an address.

Farrer & Co

The Senior Partner, Mr W.O. Farrer, and the Partners of Farrer & Co. last night hosted a dinner for their staff, former partners and pensioners at The Great Hall, Lincoln's lan, to celebrate 200 years of practice from their Lincoln's Inn Fields address. The principal guest was the Vice-Chancellor, The Right Hon Sir Nicolas Browne-

### Anniversaries

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BIRTHS: Charles Wesley, musician, Bristol, 1757; Hector Berlioz, composer, Côte-Saint-Andre, 1803; Alfred de Musset, poet, Paris, 1810; Robert Kocil, bacteriologist, Nobel laureate 1905, Klausthal, Germany, 1843.

DEATHS: Llewelyn ab Gruffydd, Prince of Wales, killed in battle near Builth, 1282; John Strype, historian. London, 1737; Colley Cibber, actor-manager, dramatist, London, 1757; Richard Doyle, artist and caricaturist, London, 1883; Olive Schreiner, novelist, Capetown, 1920.

James II fled from England, 1688. Abdication of Edward VIII and the accession of George VI, 1936. USA declared war on Germany and Italy, 1941.

#### New Catholic bishop named

The Rev Roderick Wright was appointed Roman Catholic Bishop of Argyll and the Isles yesterday (Kerry Gill writes). He succeeds the Right Rev Colin MacPherson, who died in March.

Father Wright, aged 50, was born in Glasgow and trained at St Mary's College, Blairs, Grampian. He studied philospohy and theology at St Peter's College, Cardross. Strathelyde, and was ordained in the archdiocese of Głasgow in 1964.

After working in Glasgow and a period as spiritual director at Blairs, he asked for a transfer to the diocese of Argyll and the Isles in 1974. He is currently parish priest to St Anne's. Corpach, and St John the Evangelist. Caol, near Fort William. Father Wright, a Gaelic speaker, is a keen walker and sea

#### Appointments

Mr Robert Charles Court Seymour to be a Deputy Judge Advocate, from December 10. Mr Claude Grenville Gould, an Assistant Judge Advocate General retired last month.

Mr Registrar Angel to succeed Mr Registrar Turner when he retires as the Senior Registrar of the Principal Registry of the Family Division of the High Court in Apol.

#### Target in sight for Lord Fraser appeal

The £15,000 appeal to pay for the bust of Admiral of the Fleet Lord Fraser of North Cape, unveiled by the Duke of Edinburgh in Portsmouth dockyard last month, is within £6,000 of its target.

Lord Fraser commanded the naval force which sank the German battlecruiser Scharn-horst in the Barents Sea on Boxing Day 1942. The 14-inch shells of Fraser's flagship, the battleship Duke of York, smashed the German commerce raider at long range after she had attempted to intercept convoy JW-55B bound for Murmansk. Later in the war Fraser commanded the Eastern Fleet which

operated alongside the US Navy in the Pacific, and signed the

government. He was First Sca Lord from 1948 to 1951 and died in 1981. Mr Anthony Hogg, a retired

formal instrument of surrender

by Japan on behalf of the British

naval officer, of Chichester. West Sussex, said that up until last month the only memorial to Lord Fraser was in Norway. Five years ago he wrote to the First Sea Lord suggesting there should be a memorial on British soil and Leslie Punter's bust, standing near HMS Vicry, is the result.

Donations may be made to the Lord Fraser Memorial Fund, C-in-C. Naval Home Command, Admiralty House, HM Naval Base, Portsmouth. Hampshire.

#### Church news

**Appointments** The Rev Canon Richard Allington-Smith, Rector, Great Yarmouth team, diocese of Norwich to be Priest-in-charge, ot Andrew's, Norwich, same

The Rev Jeremy D Anderson. Team Vicaar, Wexcombe team, diocese of Salisbury: to be Evangelism Enabler for the Rural Deanery of Reading, diocese of Oxford.
The Rev Graham Bradshaw.

Assistant Curate, Kirkby Lons-dale team, diocese of Blackburn: to be Vicar, Langford, diocese of St Albans. The Rev Raymond J Brown,

Vicar, St Michael and All Angels, Enfield, diocese of London: to be Rector, Springfield, All Saints, diocese of Chelmsford. The Rev Edwin T Chapman, Vicar, Bulmer w. Dalby, Terrington and Welburn, discese of York; to be also Rural

Dean of Bulmer and Malton. The Rev Roderick J Cosh, Chaplain's Assistant, the Royal

Lord Justice Stade will retire as a Lord Justice of Appeal on January 10 and Mr Justice Michael Davies will retire as a Judge of the High Court (Queen's Bench Division.) the following day.

Marsden Hospital, diocese of London: to be Vicar, St Augus-tine of Canterbury, Whition,

The Rev Dr John Cullen, Director of the Institute of Christian Studies, Margaret Street. London: to be Director of Training diocese of Winchester. The Rev Ross O Davies, Rector, Camperdown, diocese of Ballarat, Australia: to be Priest-in-Charge, Mundford, Ickburgh and Cranwich, diocese of Norwich. The Rev Norman S Fox, Dis-

trict Minister, Tettenball Wood. Castlecroft, diocese of Lichfield: to be Vicar, Pensnett, same

The Rev Ronald Frost, Priestin-charge, Kimbolton and Stow Longa, diocese of Ely: to be Vicar, same benefices.

Resignation The Rev David Manship, Team Rector, Abingdon and Rural Dean of Abingdon, drocese of Oxford: to resign as Rural Dean of Abingdon, same diocese.

Judges to retire

Meeting

Royal Over-Seas League Mr Enoch Powell was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Discussion Circle of the Royal Over-Seas League held last night at Over-Seas House, St James L lars Elizabeth Cresswell presided.

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The encagement is announced between Robert, younger son of the late Mr Frederick Sharp and of Mrs Ann Fuller, of and The Hon C.M. Trevelyan The marriage between Robert Kee and Catherine Mary Dunstable, Bedfordshire, and Anna, daughter of Mr and Mrs Trevelvan took place on Mon-Ene Serjeant, of Quainton, day, December 10, in Chelsea.

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BERESFORD-JONES

On December 5th 1990, peacefully at Penbury Hospiral.

William Peter PhD. aged 77.

Lecturer at The Royal Veterinary College, dearly loved father of Codirt, and beloved husband of the late Phytis.

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7th, at The Portland Hospital, to leabel (nee Thomas) and Nick a daughter, Roste Sarah Mytanwy.

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SORRETT - On December 8th, beacefully at home in Surnham Market, Gooffrey, beloved husband of Joss and father of David and Rodney.

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BUCKLEY - On December 9th, much loved Heism Maclean, peacefully in Chellenham Hougital. Funeral Service and cremation at Cheltenham Cremator at Cheltenham Cremators December 15th at 2 pm. Flowers may be sent to S.C. & B.S. Cocia. 69

Hucklecote Road, Gloucester by 12 noon.

AMRUS - On December 6th, peacefully at nome. Geoffrey Clendon, aged 65. Thanksgiving Service at St. John's Church. Shriftey. Croydon, on Thursday December 13th at 2.15 pm. preceded by private cremation. Donations in his memory for St. Christopher's Hospice may be sent to J.B. Shalkespeare Ltd., 67 George Street, Creydon.

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ROSER - On December 8th. to Julia (née Gomme) and David. a son. With graneful thanks to the IVF Unit. The Churchill Clinic. SAMOSTER - On December
6th at The Portland Hospital.
to Floris and City. a son Ned.

ANNIVERSARIES McKAER - Lyndsey darling happy anniversary, looking forward to many more to come, with love, Stewart.

**DEATHS** ASATE - On December 8th 1990. peacefully at home after a short illness, Grace Sneddon Agate O.B.E. aged 83. Beloved wife of the late William Brook Agate, much loved by all her family. Funeral Service on Friday December 14th at 12 noon at the Church of St Peter and St Paul, Addeburgh, Suffolk.

BARMARD - On Saturday
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day December 17th or donations to The Anastasia Trust for the Dead. 47 Bydney Street. London SW3 6PX. GREENBRE - On December 9th 1990, peacefully at home. Armid Walter Littler, aged 82, CRy Liveryman and Member of Livyds, much loved husband of Audrey, latter of David and Jame, grandfather of Charles, Josephine and Fides, Josephine and Fides, Funeral Service at 10.50 am Friday December 14th at West Herm. Crematorium, Garston, No flowers please, donations if wished to Salcombe R.N.L., South Devon.

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Hobason - On December 10th 1990, in his sleep, Pwier Charles, aged 80, husband of Cicell, fether of Judith, Charles, Helest and Arnold, Funeral at 1.15 pm Friday December 14th at All Sainis Courch, Shirourn, followed by cremation, Family flow-

JOHNEON - On December 9th, peacefully in Faraham. Surrey. Netta, dearly loved mother of Keith. Barchara and Paul, loving grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral Cultdord Cremete-tium on Pides December. rium on Friday December 14th at 11.30 am. Family

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Rutherford, later Lord Rutherford, OM, (1871-1937) was awarded a Nobel prize for his researches in radioactivity which were to influence

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the later splitting of the atom.

The Nobel prizes awarded for the year by the Swedish Academics were distributed today with the usual ceremonies and commemorative speeches. The award to Professor Rutherford (Chemistry) was made on account of his researches in radioactivity; to Professor Lippmann (Physics) for discoveries in connexion with colour-photography; to Professors Metchnikoff and Psul Ehrlich (Medicine) for their researches in the subject of natural and acquired immunity; and to Professor Rudolph Eucken (Literature) for his philosophical works.

All the prizewinners, except Professor Metchnikoff, who was prevented from attending, were present to receive their prizes, consisting of a medal, diploma, and a cheque for £7,680, at the hands of the King. Professor Metchnikoff's prize was handed, on his behalf, to the Russian Minister, Baron Budberg. The statutory lectures to be given by the recipients on the subjects for which the prizes were awarded will be delivered at the academy in the course of the next few days.

AWARD OF THE PEACE PRIZE The Peace Prize, awarded by the Committee of the Norwegian Storthing, has been divided between the Swedish politican, M. Arnoldson, lately member of the Riksdag and founder of the Swedish Peace Society, and the Danish writer, Frederik Bajer, leader of the peace party in Denmark. Both are active members of the international

organizations.

COPENHAGEN, Dec 10 Great satisfaction is felt here that the Norwegian Storthing has divided the Nobel Peace Prize between a Dane and a Swede, Frederik Bajer particularly being an ardent advocate of peace among the Scandinavian

Professor Ernest Rutherford, who was born in 1871, has been since 1907 Langworthy Professor and Director of the Physical Laboratories at the University of Manchester. After a distinguished University career in New Zealand, he entered Trinity College, Cambridge, and obtained the Courts-Trotter Studentship in 1897. He was awarded the Rumford medal of the Royal Society in 1905 and the Bresse Prize from the Turin Academy of Science in 1908. In addition to numerous papers in various journals and magazines dealing with physical science questions, he published "Radio-Activity" in 1904 and "Radio-Active Transformations" in

Professor Gabriel Lippmann was born in 1846 and is a Commander of the Legion of Honour and a member of the Academy of Sciences and the Longitude Office. He is the author of several monographs and books on the conservation of electricity, acoustics, astronomy, and other scientific subjects.

Professor Elie Metchnikoff, the well-known Professor at the Pasteur Institute, Paris, is a member of the French Academy of Medicine and a Foreign Member of the Royal Society of London. His most important publications are "Etudes sur la Nature Humaine," "Immunité dans les Maladies Infectieuses," and "Essai de Philosophie Optimista." In 1906 Professor Metchnikoff delivered the Harben lectures at

Cambridge.
Professor Paul Ehrlich, who was born in 1854 and studied at the Universities of Breslau, Strassburg, Freiburg, and Leipzig, is the Director of the Royal Institute for Experimental Therapeutics at Frankfurt. His numerous scientific publications deal with a variety of subjects connected with medicine and therapeutics.

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Geoffrey and Jenuy, brother of Philippa and grandson of Hazel Bouette and Mark and Peggy Hollis. After a private cremation a Memortal Service will be held at St Paul's Church, Church Hill, Camberley, at 11 am on December 14th. All Friends Sire welcome. Donations if desired to The British Heart Foundation. SKRIME - On December 8th

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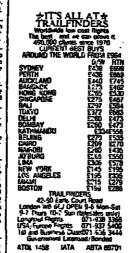
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Black beauty on all the rails

Designers, high street shops and partygoers are betting on the little black dress again this season. Liz Smith picks a handful of winners

very dress you design in red, pink or blue always ends up looking better in black, according to Bruce Oldfield. There speaks a designer capable of creating some of the friskiest frocks in the business, worn by such unshrinking violets as Joan Collins and Marie Helvin, and now he admits what we suspected all along.

The little black dress is chic. Women look good in it. Designers lavish their best talents on creating it. And if the Christmas windows in every high street are anything to go by, retailers this season

are banking on it.
Coco Chanel launched the little black dress on its lengthy social life in the Thirties, when she lay back on her chaise longue for Cecil Beaton's celebrated portrait of her in simple black and a ton of fake jewels and pearls. But it was Audrey

Hepburn as Holiv Golightly in Break-fast at Tiffany's. in a cutaway black dress, who taught every woman on a tight budget how to dress up to look

Even in a year when bright colour is in fashion the little black dress known as the LBD by the dedicated partygoer, who usually has several of them in her wardrobe - is not missing out on the fur. The Queen's party at Bucking-ham Palace tomorrow night is probably the only event at which it will not be seen royal guests are delving into their wardrobes - and wallets - to get more dressed up

Cheap chic: in Breakfast at Tiffany's for this one. The designer David Sassoon 'Audrey Hepburn never gets tired of taught every woman on a tight creating the short black dress. This winter his variations include a budget how to dress up to look chic' strapless velvet dress with gold embroidery on the bust, a wrapover black crêpe dress

with jet beaded fringing shimmering around the asymmetric hem, and an off-the-shoulder short number in black ottoman with sequinned sleeves (expect to pay from £400 to £300 at Bellville Sassoon). "Black is never boring, though I love colour," he says.

Marc Bohan, the former couturier at little black dress. "There are so many ways to make it fun, first with the fabric, and then the cut," he says. The simplicity of the perfect short black dress with, say, one diagonal shoulder-strap is achieved only in an haute couture atchier, he believes, "There is no chance to make a mistake when a woman wears a little black dress, but too many around the dinner table does not make it look

very amusing." Bruce Oldfield conjures up his perfect little black dress. "It skims the curves without being darted in to fit, has a plain round neck and long tight sleeves. You zip it closed, dress it up and go to town it's the oldest fashion cliché in the business," he says. "Whenever I say to myself this is too simple, I imagine a body inside it and know it looks right."

That middle letter is never understood to stand for boring when Murray Arbeid dreams up his LBD. "The most important things must happen above the table," he says, describing the deep Medici décolletage he has sliced into a slim, short, black velvet dress in his Pimlico shop this winter. "It is all about subtle shading and texture. Customers try on the bright colours first, but they end up buying in black."

Yves Saint Laurent is the designer who first reinvented a man's satin-lapelled tuxedo as a little black dress. The variations that he succeeds in creating on this classic design (24 totted up in just one

recent couture show) have become a set piece that never fails to inspire fashion followers, and invariably draws the loudest applause in the show. He is also the master at draping silk satin into the most sensuous of little black dresses True simplicity

demands

usually quality cloth cut to perfection to be carried off with chic. This season the high street retailers and store have tracked down some good-looking bargains priced at under £50. Confident they are on to a long-running seller when they invest in black. afford to be adventurous in styling. The choice is wide. Strapless numbers with jet tassel fringing sell at Miss Selfridge for £49.99. Also at Miss Selfridge, a satin-backed crépe fitted slip dress, the back a criss-cross

of satin ribbon, costs just £29.99. dead plain, round-necked crèpe shift

Jaeger's little black dress in black crêpe with drop waist, round neck and long slim sleeves (£169) is distinguished by a very Chanel-like touch, a row of black satin bows down the front All it needs is a white gardenia pinned to the top bow, a few strands of pearls, and a whiff o Chanel No 5, of course, to achieve a very

In selected Debenhams stores a black velvet double-breasted dress with off-theshoulder shawl collar sells for £39.99 (see photograph). Velvety little slips with metal stude hang in Hennes at £44.99. Monica Zipper supplies halter-necked dresses in slinky velvet under her Monix label for £49.99. And stretchy Lycra slip dresses and shimmering little sheaths in black lamé and sequins are available almost everywhere, at a price that should leave money to spare for a pair of giant

rhinestone earclins.



Black looks: all dressed up in the quintessential LBD, as sold by Debenhams for just £39.99

# Good for no more than a giggle?

Designers went back to the nursery in the Eighties. Is it time they grew up?

consensus the formal end came on November 22 with the resignation of Margaret Thatcher, in the same week as the publication of 80s Style a celebration of the furniture and cult objects coveted by those Eighties people who became known as yuppies and carried designer notebooks called Filofaxes.

The startling fact that emerges from this colourful and — one hopes — none-too-serious gathering of the work of the most admired international designers is that, while those at the business end of the "decade of greed" buckled down to earning serious money, most of those who created lustre-artefacts to furnish their thrusting lifestyle

THE Eighties are over. By true future classics emerge: Michele de Lucchi's First chair for Memphis and Norman Foster's splendid drawing and dining tables are outstanding, as are Shiro Kuramata's curvaceous chests of drawers, and side chairs by the l.igh priest of post-modernism, Charles Jencks. Honourable mentions, too, to Ron Arad, Richard Sapper and Philippe Starck. Such, however, are the ex-

ceptions. The bulk of designers have cared nothing for the political or socio-economic trends of the Eighties, remain-



ly that is what the new breed favoured — the Corbusier chaise, the Braun shaver and the Mackintosh ladderback. with the jet black Porsche lurking moodily outside - but

they were antiques. The design ethos of the decade was kicked off by Ettore Sottsass, the founder and guiding light of the Milan-based Memphis furniture group, who wrote the po-faced foreword to this otherwise entertaining book. His early pieces - such as the room divider with angled shelves covered in iridescent and nates - were startling and genuinely amusing. Many were uncertain whether to buy

or laugh; most laughed, but if it was a joke it was a good one. However, this gag has been trotted out for more than a decade, and the language of post-modernism and the grammar of allusion overused

to the point of tedium. Not that anything in 80s Style could be described as dull: colour, and a high degree of finish, abound and some Good joke, but told too often: Ettore Sottsass's room divider - نخدده وا

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ing enthusiastic for their Lego sets, the apparent inspiration for much of their work. Well represented, too, are the openly and jokily derivative: for example, Robert Venturi's plywood "Chippendale" chairs. or Stefan Zwicky's "Corbusier Sans Confort" chair, so named because the downfilled leather cushions of the original are replaced by blocks of solid, raw concrete.

We can only wonder at the conclusions should historians of the future try to gain an insight into "the way we lived then" from any of this. The ioint authors of 80s Style who merit no credit on the book's cover - stress the fun of it all. But we wait to see whether in the Nineties designers will tire of the nursery, and put away these childish things.

JOSEPH CONNOLLY © 80s Style: Designs of the Decade, by Albrecht Bangert & Karl Michael Armer (Thames & Hudson, £16.95).

# And here's one I made earlier

The best way to personalise your jewellery is to design it yourself

amond ring may sound daunt-ing. But it could be the answer to unsuccessful shopping sorties around high street jewellers. If you find you are not as dab a hand at design as you had hoped there is no obligafrom Mappin & Webb's personalised jewellery service, available free of charge. Nor are rings the only

DESIGNING your own di- option for exercising personal design preferences. Bespoke bracelets, necklaces and earrings can be custom-made to

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and the piece is then made up as a wax arrangement contain-

ing the chosen stones. Colouring the wax arrangement in gold or silver around the stones means the design comes to life at a stage where it

can still be altered. Setting the stones in wax is also a practical way of redesigning existing jewellery in a new setting - for example, if beirlooms need updating. The entire service usually takes three or four weeks, but Mappin & Webb says it can complete jewellery by Christmas, so long as the design is

not very complicated. Honor Carter, an American now living in Britain, failed to find an engagement ring she liked in London's Hatton Garden jewellery quarter. "I just didn't want something that anyone else in the street could be wearing," she

says. "I couldn't understand why the London jewellery shops didn't respond when I said I had a substantial sum to spend. I knew I wanted an oval stone and yet they told me there was no such thing as an oval-shaped diamond."

Mappin & Webb's personalised jewellery service appealed to her, however. "When the diamonds were set in wax we got a good idea of how they would look together. And the opportunity to set it on my finger gave me the confidence to proceed with the design. "When I saw it I was really

Sir Nicolas Browne-

knocked out. When you are going to spend several thousand pounds on jewellery you

want it to be special." NICOLE SWENGLEY Mappin & Webb, 106 Regent Street, London W1 (071-734 Street, London Wilder Queen \$842): or Knightsbridge, Queen Victoria Street and Fenchurch Street; also in Manchester, Edin-burgh, Glasgow and at Nathans in Birmingham.

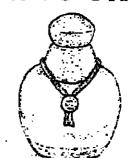
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LETTERS written by Sybil Thorndike and Lilian Baylis will be

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So will copies of Shakespeare

signed by practically everybody at

the Royal Shakespeare Company

and a programme for Richard of

Bordeaux, the play in which John Gielgud scored a huge success, 60

Those, and dozens of other

theatrical memorabilia, are being

sold on Saturday at a Christmas party at Fred's Place in Soho, in aid of the Young Vic, which is now within £100,000 of the £350,000 it

needs to survive. Tickets, £35 each, from Lady Mayer on 071-

495 0130 or the Young Vic on 071-633 0133.

Letters of the law

AN AMERICAN pressure group,

the National Coalition on Tele-

vision Violence, is threatening to

drown that country's cinemas in alphabet soup. Spurred on by dislike of Hollywood's new NC-17 rating, first awarded to Henry and

June, the group proposes erecting

a network of local censor boards.

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special concern: A (adult situa-

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N (nudity), P (perversion), S (sexuality), V (violence), VV (very violent), VVV (very very violent).

Jack Valenti, president of the

Motion Picture Association of

America, responsible for the exist-

ing certificates, predicts "a confus-ing mess" if the Coalition's

scheme ever becomes a reality.

Just an orchestra

PRETENTIOUS names for cham-

ber orchestras, part 94: the English

conductor John Eliot Gardiner

has launched a new period-in-

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who, at the top of the voice, slices

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characteristic of the Nordic voice

and inevitably reminiscent of

Nicolai Gedda, with whom he has

studied. Apart from small roles at

Opera North and Buxton, Gud-

bjornsson has, so far, been seen in

Britain only as Welsh National's

His recital revealed not only the

stamina and nuance of this

distinctive voice, but also in-

troduced its audience to the

virtually unknown Icelandic song

repertoire of this century. Much of

the earlier work tends to take the

influenced romantic settings of

folk-derived melodies, whose own

pedigree dates back to the ancient

rimur or metrical romances and

the sagnadansar or ballads. Jon

Leifs, the doyen and, in many ways, the Bartok of Icelandic

music, was represented by a short,

Song), the voice a dark, bending

monotone above the piano's

oscillating ostinato. The younger

generation of a country with an

unusually high proportion of

composers to population, many of them particularly sensitive to the

voice, was glimpsed in Jon Thoramsson's "Bird at the Wa-

ter's Edge", and two songs, Jana-

ček-like in their stencil-sharp word

always dispute the correct way of

opening their curate's egg.

A little touch of Swift was

plainly called for here, and Cole

obliged by unearthing a first edition of Gulliver's Travels - the

very copy, indeed, in which the

author had scribbled marginal

emendations to be incorporated in

the second edition. "Yes, I see,"

the sage of Westminster observed,

"he's changed 'purple, yellow and

white' to 'blue, red and green'."

Well yes, and he did so for reasons

of political satire; one wonders

whether Cole realised this and was

ensuring that politics itself was

air of unreality about the pro-

gramme, as though a reporter sent

to the scene of a cataclysmic

disaster had devoted his air-time

to a description of the local flora

and fauna What the "ordinary'

people of Armagh are like we

never discovered, only that some

of them periodically take to the

open air for the purpose of hurling

a 28lb cannon ball along roads

whose names read like a Baedeker

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throws to reach the destination is

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**CLASSICAL MUSIC** In tune with the role of youth

THE Royal Opera may not be winning the highest accolades for roles, but with whom the Royal Opera clearly wants to keep in business acumen at the moment but, in its Young Artists in Recital touch. Such a one is the loclandic series, it has hit on a quietly tenor, Gunnar Gadbjörnsson, shrewd formula for enlightened whose recital last week, attended promotion. These monthly lunchby an audience of 80 or so crushed time events in the Crush Bar not into the Crush Bar, was something of an event. On the basis that an only capitalise on London's seemingly unquenchable thirst for song opera singer cannot live by voice alone, Covent Garden recomrecitals. They are also Covent Garden's public answer to the mended Gudbjórnsson to the widespread accusation that, ob-National Opera Studio where he is sessed with the snakes and ladders now building up his stage techof top international casting, the nique. The voice alone, though, is house is simply not doing enough a force to be reckoned with. This is for the careers of young singers.

At one level, the series is a shop a tenor whose low register has a ringing baritonal strength, and

window for the Opera House's own Young Singers' Programme, which has been running on quietly behind the scenes for two or three years before finding official identity in September 1989. At that point, John Dobson, senior company bass, took over as director. His charge is the welfare of young protégés who, selected from some 200 auditions a season, may be offered either a permanent company contract, cover roles or small

The public becomes aware of the workings of the scheme primarily when a principal falls ill and everyone has to move alone one place. Justin Lavender, for example, took over from Chris Merritt as William Tell last April, and young Alasdair Elliott sud-denly found himself in Lavender's role as the Boatman Elliott will have his recital next May. Linda Kitchen, Tell's son, will perform hers in March, and Mark Beesley, who gives the next recital on January 22, will be taking over as the Minister in the next run of Fidelio.

The company is conscientious in its searching (members of the panel may regularly be spotted in the audience of college and fringe productions up and down the country), generally sensitive in its matching and timing of roles, and seems genuinely anxious to expand the scheme as far as is possible within the constraints of an international house.

The recital series, though, is also a showcase for young singers who

Commonwealth has sent me a

mild reproof for accusing The

Reith Lectures (Radio 3, Wednes-

days) of not addressing the subject

of religious fundamentalism.

While happy to announce that

of that topic, this column cannot recommend the programme. In-

tellectual tedium belongs in aca-

deme, not on the air waves.

although it has to be said that the

lectures' puritanical eponym was

not himself noted for wit. My

original point was that fun-

damentalism is the only aspect of

religion that should concern other

neople: private conscience is a

closed book, lunatic behaviour is

an abiding menace. When such

behaviour affects entire commu-

nities, it becomes politics by

The BBC's chief political re-

porter, John Cole, uttered the

disclaimer of the weekend with the

very first sentence of Down Your

Way (Radio 4, Sunday). The

phrase was "Despite its troubled

history. . ." and it was spoken in

the ancient ecclesiastical centre of

Armagh, locus classicus of all

religious factionalism. The city of

Liverpool may boast two cathe-

drals of opposing denominations;

Armagh handsomely trumps it by calling both its cathedrals St Patrick's. Relations between the

churchmen of the two faiths are

setting and terse accompanying images, by his pupil, Gunnar Reynir Sveinsson, a distinctive voice in theatre music in Iceland.

Politics in the margin

THE Chief Rabbi of the Enders and the Little-Enders will

tomorrow evening's lecture will indeed gird its loins in the service

West End transfer.

of production resources. It was saved by Japanese businessmen. Five Guys Named Moe also

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struggled into existence, starting as a green-room cabaret at The Crucible, Sheffield, and progressing to late-night shows at the Cottesloe. The American-born actor Clarke Peters admits that his script is little more than a pretext for the performance of 20 numbers associated with Louis Jordan, the rhythm 'n' blues pioneer.

Peters paid for the Cottesloe venture with £2,500 from his savings, and was then invited to mount a production at Stratford. The Theatre Royal's director, Philip Hedley, tried unsuccessfully to raise extra funds from several West End impresarios, and finally raided his pantomime budget to belp bring Chapman Roberts and Charles Augus from America, as vocal arranger and choreographer. They drilled the cast in the breathtaking song-and-

dance techniques. "Rehearsals were like being back at school," says Peters. "You needed to warm up for the warmups." Such were the demands that a couple of actors left the cast. But the first night was a triumph, and Hedley was suddenly besieged by producers, desperate to finance a

Mackintosh and Peters have agreed to preserve the simplicity of the Stratford version, though the costumes have been re-made and the bandstand has been motorised. "Minimalism stretches the performer," Peters says. If that is true, his show will probably outlive the expensive charms of Children of Eden Either way. musicals seem likely to rediscover moderation as the 1990s unravel.

Children of Eden previews at the Prince Edward Theore (071-734 8951) from December 19, Five Guys Named Moe transfers to the Lyric Theatre (071-437 3686) from Friday.

With a biblical epic imminent, Jim Hiley the RSC. When the RSC closed its London base temporarily, the musical lost a home and £500,000

theologically justified. "I don't

believe anyone will find our story

offensive. We're filling gaps in

writing that begs to be imagi-

Children of Eden's progress to

planned five years

igo as an oratorio

for the vast Crystal

Cathedral in Cali-

fornia, with a

script by the de-signer Charles Li-

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hroughout the 1980s, the London musical was dominated by epics and extravaganzas. From classic novels to steam engines, nothing seemed immune to the big song-and-dance treatment. However many actors appeared, they were dwarfed by the scenery, if not their own costumes. But megamusicals caught the mood of the newly prosperous, and gave at least a glimpse of opulence to spectators who felt squeezed by

market economics. With the grey realism of 1990, though, come signs of a decline in mock Puccini and hydraulic glamour. A year ago, the impresario Cameron Mackintosh poured £3.6 million into Miss Saigon at Drury Lane. Last month, by contrast, he launched the Kipling confection, Just So, at the Tricycle Theatre, Kilburn. This week, Mackintosh transfers the even less pretentious Five Guys Named Moe from Stratford East to the Lyric, Shaftesbury Avenue.

Uninhibited spectacle is not dead yet, however. Children of Eden begins previews at the Prince Edward shortly, with a cast of 38, a 23-piece orchestra, and extra help from a didgeridoo soloist. He has been hired to make a suitably orimeval sound for th

trip through Genesis.

The difference in scale between the new arrivals could hardly be more marked. Five Guys Named Moe has an all-black cast of six. accompanied by five musicians. John Napier's set for Children of Eden comprises almost eight tons of steel. It includes a dome the size of a semi-detached house, and two giant walkways which stretch across the stage into the auditorium. Haif a dozen articulated formes brought in the principal components, whereas Five Guys Named Moe boasts a backdrop, a bandstand, and a few polystyrene cut-outs which load comfortably onto a furniture van.

Children of Eden has a budget of £2.2 million. Five Guys Named

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Director John Caird (centre, left) and composer Stephen Schwartz rehearse with some of the 38-member cast of Children of Eden

Faith in a good book

Moe cost £17,500, yet proved His wife, Frances Ruffelle, plays handsome enough to enchant the critics at Stratford, and quickly a character called Yonah, a daughter of the tribe of Cain whom Japheth insists on taking into the became the hortest ticket in town. Ark, and later marries. Caird says By contrast, the co-producer of he invented Yonah not to provide Children of Eden, Patricia Maclove interest, but to emphasise a Naughton, describes advance bookings as "solid, not amazing". theme of reconciliation between the generations which, he says, is

The Royal Shakespeare Company's John Caird, who shared responsibility with Trevor Nunn for Les Misérables, scripted and directed Children of Eden. Caird remains confident that audiences will enjoy "losing themselves" in another dense narrative with music.

"The first scene 'Half a dozen shows the Creation," explains articulated lorries Caird. "Within brought in the three-quarters of an bour, Adam and Eve have two components . . . teenage sons. Thirty minutes later, A thousand years Eve is dying, pass during the surrounded by her great grandchildren." A thousand

years pass during the interval, then Noah appears, hammering the Ark together. "I see my role as finding how far the audience can be persuaded to suspend disbelief. The less brave I am, the more bored I get." But Caird shuns the technological excesses of some colleagues. Like Les Misérables, he misses. Child-ren of Eden is a "human epic". Biblical scholars may be trou-

bled by Caird's humanising methods. Far from ageless and omnipoteni. God grows older and wiser as events proceed. Women have been given a prominence denied them in Genesis. "The Old Testament is appallingly sexist," says Caird. "We had to put that right from the word go."

music in Godspell. interval By the time Caird came aboard in 1987, they had managed a try-out, at a convent "The trouble with the script," says Caird, "was that almost every big event happened offstage. I began to take over more and more

> 'Greek messengerism'." As Caird's role expanded, Lisanby's departure became inevitable. "It was unpleasant at times, but I think Charles is happy now He gets a credit in the programme for original conception." - Caird does not smile at this faintly

of the writing, to get rid of all the

biblical term - "and considerable financial participation." Children of Eden was scheduled to open at the Barbican this autumn as a co-production with

#### RECORDS: CLASSICAL Full, rich and ripe for hearing

tend to be a bit like average Chianti wines: often very acceptable, always characterful, but sometimes a little rough-edged in character. The Orchestra dell' Accademia Nazionale di Santa Cecilia is no exception, so it was brave, if typical, of Leonard Bernstein to make a live recording of orchestral music by that most challenging of orchestral compos-

Bernstein, of course, cannot hide the lack of sophisticated sheen in this orchestra's string sound, nor the want of smoothness among the woodwinds. Yet his role as an inspirational figure is never in doubt, and the lively and colourful spirit of these performances goes a long way towards compensating for technical shortcomings. There are even moments - the first movement of La Mer is one - where one is unexpectedly enveloped in richness where the music's full emotional power really tells. Elsewhere, however, the Italians paint this music in primary colours, attacking much of Images, for instance, with an endearingly rumbustious

Ideally, of course, music such as this, and the Pretude a l'après-midi d'un saune, benefits from subtle blending, but Bernstein proves his greatness and humility by sensitively exploiting the tools at his command, so that, at the very least, the disc makes for a fascinating mix of three cultural

archetypes. Leonard Slatkin's disc of Copland, with the Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra, is brilliantly played, proving a worthy tribute to the composer who died last week. Like Bernstein, Copland is too often dismissed as a musician who gears his art so that it appeals to the lowest common denominator. Sometimes his ideas and

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Poetic: Sir Michael Tippett structures are indeed simple and easily assimilated, but that he was capable of satisfying the intellect as well as the heart is clear from a work like the Third Symphony, composed between 1944 and 1946. While unashamedly evocative of the American archetype, it is also a cogent symphonic structure, defily orchestrated, dramatic and essentially warming in spirit. The substantial filler on Slatkin's disc is Music for a Great City, which was composed for the 1961 film Something Wild Even though the sounds are aggressive

and modern, this colourful and exciting music cannot hide - nor does it pretend to - its original function as film music.

Alan Marks makes a valuable contribution to Copland's birthday celebrations with a recital devoted to the composer's piano music. The centrepiece bere, of course, is the Piano Variations of 1930. But the disc also includes matter of lighter weight: the vigorous and evocative "Four Dance Episodes" from Rodeo, the four "Piano Blues" and Marks' own arrangement of nine of the "Old American Songs", Copland's equivalent to Britten's English folksone settings. Throughout Marks plays with a bright tone and infectious rhythmic buoyancy, and the recording by Nimbus

sounds admirably natural.
Sir Michael Tippett's recent association with the same company, which began last year with a disc that featured the composer himself conducting the "Ritual Dances" from The Midsummer Marriage, is pursued further in a record devoted to his choral music, this time conducted by Stephen Darlington. As well as the ubiquitous "Five Negro Spirituals" from A Child of Our Time, the disc includes the first ever recording of Crown of the Year, the cantata on words by Christopher Fry, besides shorter works like the double choir motet. "Plebs Angelica", the madrigal dance, "Clanon Air", and the lovely setting of the Northumbrian folk song, "Bonny at Morn", this last work complete with its lovely trio of gently piping recorders. All are sung by the Choir of Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, with remarkable exactitude and sensitivity, qualities apt for Tippett's muscular lines and unfailing po-

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THEATRE Robin Hood

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ALTHOUGH the plot of Cinderella is as familiar to me as the back of my own slipper, the panto antics of Robin and his Merry Men were entirely unknown. The possibilities for spirited subversion looked hopeful, especially from this theatre, with its long record of challenging the Sheriff of Whitehall. The poll tax could still have been a plank in the Sherwood Forest manifesto, despite recent political shifts that leave us uncertain whether Mr Major will turn out to be Prince John or Little

John. But apart from a passing refcrence to Widow Hood's refusal to pay her Vole Tax, Patrick Prior's new version keeps away from politics. Robin is the worst bowman in England, and his mother's pub, though called the Blue Boar. is spiked with so many mis-shot arrows it could be the Porcupine. Maid Marian (Tania Rodrigues) is the real champion archer, concealing her skill for reasons unclear: another chance for contemporary comment missed. The Merry Men (girls, naturally) do little; even Jackie Downey's strong voice as Little John only briefly shows its

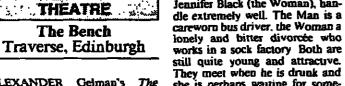
range. The words of the songs are irritatingly difficult to catch, just as they were last year with Cinderella, a much zestier show. In fact, this Robin Hood (direc-

tor, Jeff Teare) is a pretty thin business. Colin Gourley does make quite an endearing hero, a sort of Robin Wimp, dismayed by the prospect of life in the forest because his diet forbids him red meat. There is also lively backchat from Cedric the Tree (Robert McKewley) - "Trees don't talk," snaps Alan Cowan's Widow ("Oh, yes they do!") - and comical cowardice from Bill Thomas's dumpy Sheriff with the physique of a turkey. Every word he sings can be heard, so the acoustics need not be so barsh elsewhere. The chorus sometimes sound like Donald Duck's nephews.

Best of all the characters is Lickspittle, the moronic thug, hopeless with a ball and chain, slavering at the thought of inflicting juicy torture, and played with gloating relish by Philip Pellew. It is significant that after he and the other villains receive the ultimate punishment (exile to Horochurch) they pop up again, refreshingly

More apples could be provided for children to hurl at the stage, but at least there are no soppy love songs. Caps in Lincoln green can be purchased in the foyer.

JEREMY KINGSTON



ALEXANDER Gelman's The Bench, which brings the Traverse Theatre's successful 1990 season to a close, fits comfortably into the "two people meeting on a park bench" sub-genre of Western drama as exemplified by Edward Albee, Tennessee Williams and any number of others.

The theme is now so well worn that when the lights go up on a park bench audiences automatically expect to see a play about the buman condition or something equally weighty. Judging by the Traverse production, Gelman, who is one of the Soviet Union's leading radical intellectuals, seems to have written a beautifully crafted, rather soft-centred play about a chance encounter between two lonely lives.

The Bench has been translated by poet Stephen Mulrine into a vigorous and effective theatrical Scots which the two actors, Kenneth Bryans (the Man) and



Chump and champ: Colin Gourlay and Tania Rodrigues

Jennifer Black (the Woman), hanshe is perhaps waiting for someone else. Slowly it emerges that they have met before and that after a few bours of passion the

Man had disappeared into the night with unfulfilled promises to return. He does not recognise her at first, but when he does, they weave together a tissue of lies, suspicion, deceit, recrimination, tears and violence.

Muirine sees the play as a dissection of the way in which men and women approach the world. Women, the play seems to

pseudo-psychology seriously. The tone of the production was set by designer Nick Sargent's wonderful Russian park complete with birch trees hung with lights, benches, gravel, urns, drinking fountains, statues, distant balalaska music and the twinkling lights of a town. But, like the production as a whole, it is almost too beautiful, with no sense of edge or astringency Directors lan Brown and Andrew Farrell have opted to bathe the play in a golden glow which, while seasonal, sits uneasily on what could be a disturbing, even harrowing, play.

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This soft approach transmitted itself to the audience who laughed a great deal as though at a farce, and not with the pain of genuine black comedy.

**ALASDAIR CAMERON** 

#### - THEATRE

Lady Audley's Secret White Bear, Kennington

NOT to be confused with Oscar this play is actually a domestic melodrama by C.H. Hazlewood, based on a novel by Mary Elizabeth Braddon Made-Up Theatre Company drive their garish and rickety vehicle for all its worth, sending up amateur theatrical conventions with engaging panache, making up for the banality of parody with refreshingly fullblooded gusto, and ending up with a predominantly entertaining hour of bodies, bodices, and

Directed by Caroline Gordon and Russell Floyd, the acting is in the grand ham style, with huge exaggerated gestures as if the characters are using semaphore to land helicopters on aircraft carriers. This is not always riotously amusing, but it works.

Michelle Greet's Lady Audley leers so maniacally that one wonders whether she bought those

bulging eyeballs in a joke shop, while her voice and bearing suggest a young Lady Bracknell smoking 60 a day. Smouldering gloriously in her flame-coloured costume, she cuts a lund dash centre-stage. Equally attractive but doubly bewitching is Katherine Turner, who plays the coquettish Alicia with spectacular

coyness, tiny gasps of petulance punctuating her every phrase. Charles Elford gives a wiry pipecleaner of a performance as the hapless George Talboys, his clipped delivery contrasting with Bernard Moss's Sir Michael, who can hardly manage to say anything at all by the end, so thorough is his portrayal of the weepy stages of inebration. If there is a keg of porter stashed in the wings, some of it might profitably be used to ease the rigor mortis of other members of the cast.

Fortunately, send-ups of this kind make it hard to distinguish between effective burlesque and rotten acting there is probably bit of both here. Utterly devoid of subtlety, this is a fun, young show and a diverting way of spending an hour in Kennington.

### CONCERT

Lies and tears: Jennifer Black and Kenneth Bryans in The Bench

John Ogdon's Music Blackheath Halls

THOSE who remember John Ogdon as a superlative planist before bus untimely death last year may be surprised to know that he had over 200 compositions to his credit, including four operas and a couple of mano concernos. On a smaller scale, seven of his chamber and instrumental works made a programme at Blackheath's Concert Halls that was a testament to his inventiveness.

Brenda Lucas, his widow and erstwhile piano duo partner, played what he called his "American" Sonata written for her in 1984, and the 25 Preludes inscribed to John Paul Getty, from whom Ogdon received the gift of a Steinway grand piano. These last, quoting along the way from Bach and Chopin to Victor Young and Dave Brubeck, reflect a lively musical fancy as well as pianistic

Ogdon once said that he looked on composing as a hobby to enjoy: MICHAEL WRIGHT | "I devote myself more to playing,

and treat composition as a spare time thing." What was heard here bore witness to that approach in a kind of assorted improvisation, trying this and that as if the composer were thinking to himself: "Let's do it and see what happens," - whether quartertones or diatonic chords.

would be disciplined by a formidable intellect, as with the solo Cello Sonata written in 1973 for Raphael Sommer, who played it here with considerable command of technique and musical conviction. Rachael Brown, quoted as describing the solo Flute Sonata as 'a fantasy trip" in five movements, gave it correspondingly decorative appeal, though its writing seemed in need of a piano part.

The violinist Peter Sheppard made more of the duo works, a serious minded Romance skilfully equal-handed for violin and cello, and an experimental Three Pieces with the planist Skye Atman, as if Ogdon were dabbling in quarter tones and note-clusters for fun. Only the Cello Sonata and the Preludes seemed more than the work of a Sunday composer.

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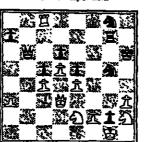
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1.50 Rugby Union. Chris Rea introduces

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AN London except: 7.30pm-8.00 Anglia Reports 10.30-10.40 Anglia News 1.30em Philip Marlowe Private Eye 2.25 Comics, the Minth Art 3.00 The Invisible Men 3.30 Entertainment UK 4.30-5.00 Anglia Reports

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3.00 News and weather followed by

Westminster Live. Prone min

1.05 The Gun: Accurate at a Mile. The

Australia's Royal Flying Doctor Service, narrated by Michael Dean (r)

English Woman and the Horse. Celebrating the unbridled affection women of all ages and backgrounds feel

for their horses. Narrated by Candida

questions and other business from

the House of Lords and the House of

Commons 3.50 News, regional news

and Faial in the Azores (r)

12.15 Sky Doctor - a Lifeline for the

Out. Dr Westin is asked to help a

business from the Lords and Commons

8.15 Westminster. A round-up of

11.00 After Hours. A magazine

9.00 Laverne and Shirley. American

Cambridge universities, for the Bowring

Scene Today with Tim Grundy's Video

10.00 News, regional news and weather 10.05 Children's BBC, presented by

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(continuing yesterday's theme). Lalo (Namouna, Rhapsody No 1: ORTF (Symphonic poem "Tamara": Royal Philhermonic Orchestra under Thomas Beecham); Dublieux (Pieno Sonata: Alan Gravill); Albeniz (Suite "ibena": LSO under Batiz) Orchestra under Jerzy Maksymiuk, with John Wallace, trumpet perform

(Symphony No 6) 1.00pm News

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composers and music on

BBC 1 archaeology This afternoon Tony 6.00 Ceefax
6.30 BBC Breakfast News
8.50 Daytime UK. Presented by Alan
Titchmarsh and Judi Spiers in Gregory and Paul Birkbeck visit a 5,000year-old village on the Orkney slands

5.00 Newsround 5.10 Grange Hill. Episode 19 sees athlete Linford Christie make a guest appearance (r). 5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) Northern

Ireland: Sportswide 5.40 inside Ulster 6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Mora Stuart 6.30 Regional News Magazines. Northern Ireland: Neighbours 7.00 Trivial Pursuit. General knowledge

Quiz based on the popular board game, hosted by Rory McGrath. (Ceetax) 7.30 EastEnders. (Ceetax) 8.00 The Good Life. Re-run of the comedy about self-sufficiency in deepest Surbiton, starring Richard Briers, Felicity Kendal, Panelope Kelth

and Paul Eddington, (Cestax) 8.30 A Question of Sport, Devid Coleman hosts another round of the jokey sports quiz, with team captains lan Botham and Bull Beaumont joined by national hunt jockey Peter Scudamore, rugby league international Andy Gregory, Mick McCarthy, the Republic of Ireland's World Cup football captain, and Philippa Roberts, European water sking champion.

9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis Regional news and weather 9.30 Film: Dark City (1990).

• CHOICE: Inspired by current unrest in the townships of South Africa. and with echoes of the Sharpeville massacre, Dark City uses the format of a political thriller to explore the dilemma of oppressed blacks. While inviting condemnation of a system that treats people as second-class citizens, a ment of David Lan's



Stunned by the Court's verdict (9.30pm) screenplay is that it refuses to gloss over the excesses of black violence or romanticise the perpetrators. Often visually striking, with a powerful use of colour, Dark City tells how a protest through a sherity town ends in the death of a black councillor and savage retribution by a police force desperate to secure convictions. At the heart of the film is a debate within the black community between the forces of moderation and those who urge the resort to arms. Shot in Zimbabwa with a South African cast, *Dark City* represents an impressive directing debut by Chris Curling. (Ceefax) Wales Week in Week Out 10.00 Film: Dark

City 11.10 Film 90 with Barry Norman, A review of Main Blues and an interview with Ken Loach, who talks about his controversal award-winning film, Hidden Agends, set in Northern Ireland
11.40 Spenser for Hire starring Robert
Unch as the Boston private detective.
Spenser investigates an illegal furcoat racket, and finds himself caught in a deadly trap.

m Weather. Wales: Film 90 1.00

4.00 Catchword. Paul Coia hosts the popular word game 4.30 Behind the Headlines. Robert Robinson and Loyd Grossman are joined

by writers Rhoda Koenig and Bea Campbell 5.00 Advice Shop. The series aimed at the consumers of welfare and public services looks at the job opportunities available to people over 50, with guest Hughre Jones, former

singer with the Spinners tolk group 5.30 The Travel Show Guides. Penny Junor presents a two-part guide to southern California, starting in Los Angeles and San Diego. Matthew Collins

does his usual research for the independent traveller (r), (Coefax) 6.00 Film: Five Card Stud (1968) starring Robert Mitchum, Dean Martin and Roddy McDowell. Western dra about a poker cheat's lynching that is avenged by an unknown kill picking off the members of the game one by one. Engaging star performances carry a languid narrative and tired plot. Directed by Henry fathaway as if his mind was el

7.45 Assignment: India - Ruins of the Raj. Mark Tully explores the causes of india's political crisis. New prime minister Chandra Shekar attempts to explain why the sub-continent has failed to produce a stable party system 8.30 Food and Drink. A look at wines for

the festive season and recipes for cherry pie and spiced beef 9.00 Twin Peaks. Final episode of the first series of David Lynch's black soap. Having left the town last week with five or more inhabitants and the paper mill facing imminent destruction, the plot heads for its final cliffhanger as Agent Cooper and Sheriff Truman make a breakthrough in their investigation, and Dr Jacoby heads



Sherilyn Fenn as Audrey Home (9.00pm)

for a rendezvous with what seems to be Laura Palmer. A tape that could reveal the killer is discovered by James and Donne, Hank's evil influence spreads and Agent Cooper has a itor. (Ceefax)

9.50 The Sentence. Penultimate episode of the revealing behind-the scenes documentary series about Glen Parva Young Offenders Centre near Leicester. Derren is enjoying his community service work with children and Lee is trying to keep his parole sight. Both boys are learning how to

10.20 283 Useful Ideas from Japan. A look at novel aspects of Japanese life 10.30 Newsnight. The day's top stories with news and features on the headline grabbing events at home and abroad. Presented by Jeremy Paxman 11.15 The Late Show. The arts and media magazine takes a look back at some of the high points of 1990 11.55

12.00 Behind the Headlines. See 4.30. Ends at 12.35am

ITV LONDON

6.00 TV-am 9.25 Keynotes. Music quiz with Alistan Dival 9,55 Thames News and weather 10.00 The Time . . . The Place. Mike

Scott hosts another edition of the topical ciscussion show 10.40 This Morning. Family magazine

presented by Judy Finnigan and Richard 12.05 Rod., Jane & Freddy, Entertainment for the very young 12.25 Home and Away 12.55 Thames News and 1.00 News at One with John Suchet.

Weather 1.20 Wish You Were Here? Judith Chaimers travels to St Ives in Comwall. John Carter goes to Apulia in southern Italy and Steven Huma tries out a young person's holiday working as a counsellor at an American summer

camp (r) 1.50 A Country Practice 2.20 Snooker: The World Matchplay Championship. Coverage of the World Matchplay from Brentwood, where Stephen Hendry plays Dean Reynolds for a semi-final place against Steve

3.15 News headlines 3.20 Thames News headlines 3.25 Families. Soap linking Australia with the north of England

3.55 Huxdey Pig. More adventures of the day-dreaming pig 4.10 The Dreamstone. Cartoon fantasy charting the eternal fight between good and evil 4.35 Sylvester. More cartoon capers with the cat and the canary (r) 4.40 Children's Ward. Drame set in the children's wing of a hospital. (Oracle)

5.10 Blockbusters 5.40 News with Fiona Armstrong.

5.55 Thames Help with details of Help Aid Romania's Christmas appeal 6.00 Home And Away (r) 6.30 Tharmes News
7.00 Emmerdale. Countryside soap set in the Yorkshire Dates. (Oracle)

**CHANNEL 4** 

7.30 Thames Reports: Preventing the Terrorist? Reporter Roger Beam examines the workings of the mainland police torce's strongest weapon against the IRA - the revention of Terrorism Act 8.00 The Bitl: One for the Road.

CHOICE The quality of this show

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continues to amaze, particularly as it denies itself the soap opera luxunes of running stones and entry into characters' private lives. The Bill has stayed farthful to its declared policy of showing the police only in their professional roles and it rarely carries stones over into a second episode. Ostensibly a straightpacket, the 25minute slot has been turned to trumphent advantage with a brisk and economical narrative style which gets straight to the point and stays there. The standard of writing, despite using many different hands, is uniformly high but perhaps the greatest strength of The Bill is being able to explore a large, well-drawn, and impeccably cast set of characters which is constantly freshened with new arrivals. This week, in a cautionary tale about drinking and driving, it is the turn of dour Sgt Penny (Roger Leach) to take centre stage. (Oracle)

8.30 Strike It Lucky. Game show with Michael Barrymore

9.00 Boon. Canine problems for the security firm, and Ken thinks it's a dog's life. Rocky has to agree, he has been hired to hunt a sheep dog and thinks he may be barking up the wrong tree.

10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Burnet and Sandy Gall 10.30 Thames News and weather

10.40 Viewpoint '90: Dear Mr Gorbachev.

OchOICE Michael Gingsby, who has used his impressionistic style on several fine documentaines about Northern Ireland, ofters an unusual perspective on five years of Gorbachev by interviewing ordinary people from around the world who have written letters to him. The choice is Letters to president Gorbachev (10.40pm)

random and nothing obviously links a carpenter from east Germany, an Italian anstocrat and a 13-year-old trish oirl beyond their correspondence with the Soviet leader. The motives vary. A poor housewife in Pennsylvania ofters her modest savings for the relief of Armenian earthquake victims, while a Vietnam veteran who saw his close friend die in action oleads with Gorbachev to be sympathetic to post-traumatic stress among troops returning from Afghanistan. News clips recalling the Gorbachev era help to null the disparate elements together but Grigsby leaves it to the viewer to impose a pattern or find a message 11.40 Snooker: The World Matchplay. Further coverage of the quarter final

game between Stephen Hendry and Dean Reynolds, from the Brentwood Centre, Essex 12.30am Prisoner: Cell Block H 1.30 Video View presented by Mariella Frostrup Followed by News headlines 2.00 60 Minutes. Award winning news

magazine series from the United States 3.00 Donahue. Phil Donahue talks to couples about the reasons why they have split up Followed by News headines 4.00 Entertainment UK. The weekly

guide to the latest in entertainment from lover the country 5.00 (TN Morning News with Phil Roman Ends at 6.00

6.00 Sing and Swing. Jazz stars from the Thirties and Forties in performance 6.20 Business Daily 6.30 The Channel Four Daily

9.25 The Art of Landscape. Beautiful natural images set against a background of soothing music 11.00 As it Happens. Life as it happens in the Gulf captured by Michael Groth and his camera crew. This morning they are in the air with the RAF's Puma

squedron 12.00 The Parliament Programme presented by Sue Cameron 12.30 Business Daily. Financial and

1.00 Sesame Street. Educational fun for pre-school children 2.00 Third Wave. Series which takes a look at life for the over 55s, with the

emphasis on personal stories. This afternoon's edition features a studio discussion on topics raised in the last three programmes — euthanssia, health and sexuality. (Teletext)

2.45 Film: The Tommy Steele Story (1957, b/w). The churpy, touste-haired Steele plays himself in this hastily assembled blopic, made when its

subject was only just coming up to his 21st birthday. Jolly and simplistic with lots of songs and guest spots by Humphrey Lyttelton, Charles McDevitt and Nancy Whiskey. Directed by Gerard Bryant 4.30 Parasolica Out Fishing. Soviet cartoon based on a fisherman's tales

4.30 Fifteen-to-One 5.00 Noah's Ark. Conguillo National Park is home to South America's most active volcano, but mountain goats, parrots, woodpeckers, skunks and polecats get on with their lives in the park's abundant woodlands (r)

5.30 Same Difference. Senes focusing on issues faced by the disabled sented by Libby Cross and Mark Todd. A report from Glasgow by Natalie Markham on the National Disability Arts Forum, a UK-wide imitative in the disability arts field and some of the enefits which could flow 6.00 A Different World, American sitcom

following the antics of college students 6.30 Vic Reeves Big Night Out. The selfproclaimed king of light entertainment Vic Reeves shows us what to do with unwanted bark and meets Mr Popiuns and his doughnuts (r) 7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and

Zeineb Badawi 7.50 Comment followed by Weather 8.00 Down to Earth. Cambridge academic Dr Catherine Hills presents the last in her topical series on archaeological issues. Includes a look at Britain's relationship with Europe in the past, Toyah Willcox on a tour of Stonehenge, and a computer generated image of the London Basilica as it was in the year 200

8.30 Suffern: The Heart of Islam -Eternal Life. Nuradeen Durkee, a Suff living in Alexandria, explains the meaning of Sufism in this second of ms about Sufism, some described as "Islamic Mysticism"

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

Fury plays himself in this mus

Via the Marcopolo satellite.
 1.45pm I've Gotta Horse (1985) Billy

Fury plays hamsel in this musical contedy ser around a seased sourmer snow 3.30 Requiem for a Heavyweight (1982) Anmony Cunni stars as a fighter whose caster between the ropes is finished 5.10 Young Whiston (1972) Moving and powerful bropic about Whiston Chur-chalf's young lite taking him from schooldeys to parkment

schooldays to parliament 8.00 it Talkes Two (1988) A groom-to-be decides the only way he can cure his cold leef is to embark on one last

spending spree and gues for a new car (and for the beautiful sales (pri) 10.00 Friday the 13th Part 3 (1982): Another scary installment of the sean horror

9.00 AIDS Now: Being Positive, Eight people, half of whom are HIV positive, and half of whom are not, take part in an experiment in which they spend a week living together in an isolated house in Scotland. The programme shows the fears and prejudices which emerge, follows the group's efforts to deal with practical matters and records discussions held among the

staging a concert of Sixties music with original stars. The Bouffants are contacted 25 years after their hit single and long since they split up over "artistic differences", with a view to their forming the centrepiece of the concert. But the trio of women are now leading very separate lives and, when they are reunited, old grievances quickly resurface. Enjoyable comedy-drama with Sandy Duncan. Jill Eikenberry and Judith Light. Directed by Paul Schneider

11.50 Opinions: A Corner in the Thing Love. Elizabeth Cook, writer and academic, takes a stroll through London's Sono to find out more about pornography in Britain She finds it uelled by "hatred, fear and ignorance" and admits to being disturbed by the extreme sexual hatred she encountered Yet she calls not for more legislation. the sexual with the lavational 12.20am Lonesome Pine Specials

group (r). (Teletext) 10.00 Film: My Boyfriend's Back (1989). A television producer hits upon the idea of

but for a society which does not equate

featuring country singer/songwriter
Nanci Griffith. Ends at 1.25

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Davidovich, piano 7.30 News
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Ashkanazy, piano); Prokofiev
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Rauch, piano 9.35 A Mention in Despatches National Orchestra under Martinon); Debussy (images, Book 2: Alan Gravili); Balakrev 11.30 BBC Scottish Symphony

Crosse (Array); Tchaikovsky 1.05 Four Hands: Arianna Goldina and Rémy Loumbrozo, piano duo, perform: Schubert

reads the last of four short stones by Machado de Assis. Dona Paula is uncomfortably minded of her past 11.30 Composers of the Week: penos); Liszt (Concerto parhétique for two penos) (r) pathétique for two penos) (r) 2.00 Music Weekly with Peter Paul Nash. A report from Prague on Sant-Saans (Allegro appassionato, Op 70; Etude en forme de vales, Op 52 No 6, Repsode d'Avergne, Op 73; Etudes, Op 111 Nos 2 and 6 in: Piano Concerto No 2 in G minor, Op 22 (r) 12.30-12.35 News 1.00-2.25am Night School (FM

**GRANADA** As London except: 1.20pm-1.50 Coming of Age 6.30-7.00 Granada Tonght 12.30pm Film: The Killers 2.20 60 Milnutes 3.10 Night Beat 3.40 Gloria Estelan in Profile 3.55 About Botain 4.25-6.00 Joblander

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4.45 Cello and Piano: Andrez Bauer, cello and Eva Bauer,

piano, perform Lutoslawski (Grave): Debussy (Sonata): Brahms (Sonata in E minor)

5.30 Mainly for Pleasure, with Brian

7.00 News 7.05 Third Ear: V.S. Pritchett on his

7.30 The Barlin PO under Simon Rattle performs Bartick (Music for strings, percussion and

sta), Rachmaninos (Symphony No 2)

9.05 Drame Now: Thinking of You.

• CHOICE: Listening to Julian

Gamer's delicately possed play about a TB sufferer in a

play about a 10 somers in a seasofulum (Pip Tomes) who pens love letters on behalf of an illiterate fallow petiant (Kilian McKenna) to his adoring wife (Gillian Bevan), the thought occurs: would the day have seen the light of day.

play have seen the light of day if Rostand had not written

Cyrano de Bergerac? Never mind. Garner proves that

there's still some mileage lett in the romantic amenuensis,

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How Do You Do 5.00 The Henderson Kids
6.05 Jo-Maxi 6.30 Home And Away 7.00
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News: The Streets of San Francisco 8.55
Only Foote and Horses 9.30 News; Capital
News 10.25 Nighthawks 11.10 News

Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
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York's furbulent Christown distinct 12.05em Traco: (1988): A tough-talk-ing cop helps small crime-noden towns clean up but retires to pursus a gentler

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career making cookies
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red to another department,

where he teams up with a middle-aged and extremely relexed detactive (Dan-

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Mao Tse-tung's widow and three of her fellow radicals languish in jail. The authorities describe this 'Gang of Four' as 'filthy and contemptible like dog's dung?

A British drug company announces that it is about to launch a once-a-year contraceptive pill.

On BBC I you can watch The Osmonds, followed by the hospital drama Angels and David Dimblebey interviewing Saudi Oil Minister Sheik Yamani about the latest round of price increases in the Gulf.

At the Knockando distillery, another 'Season of Distillation' begins. The pure, natural spirit is poured into oak casks where it slumbers unmolested until the day it is deemed fit to be bottled, twelve or more years from hence.

Both dates are recorded on the label. The difference between the two is the age of Speyside's most singular, single malt whisky.



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Orpheus CO)
8.30am News
8.35 Composers of the Week:
Martinů (Shimmy Foxtrot:
Prague Symphony Orchestra
under Bělohlávek; Concernino
for cello, ward instruments,
piano and percussion;
Collegium Musicum Pragense
under Vainar with Sasa

2.45 A View from the Tower: Patrick Lembert presents four programmes on the life and times of the Czech composer Bohuslav Martinu, on the

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5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00
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Today's point of discussion is
the Middle East crisis — 071580 4411
10.00 News; Medicine Now with
Geoff Watts
10.30 Morning Story; Albert and the

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10.30 Morning Story: Albert and the
Liner by Keith Waterhouse
10.45 Daily Service (s)
11.00 News: Citizens (a)
11.25 From Our Own Correspondent
11.50 Tales of Earth and Water:
Nigel Barley takes an
anthropological ramble
through Indonesia (3 of 5) (s)
12.00 News; You and Yours
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today include women and detective fiction, with writers Patricia Craig and Frances Fyfield commenting on the subject; a feature on cricketer Rachel Heyhoe First; three Interviews, the first with Joan Jera of the Chilean Dance School, the second with Jackie Bracken of the British Film institute; and the third, live, with Labour trade unionist

Barbara Switzer, 3.00 (FM only) Prime Minister's Question Time 3.00 (LW only) News; Thirty Minute Theatre: Secret Worship. CHOICE: Algernon
Blackwood's devilishly cackwood is devisary, about an old boy's ill-advised sentmental journey to the achool that gave him spiritual nourishment, has been chillingly adapted by Brian Miller. Since Blackwood's day, the black arts and their the black arts and their

exponents may have been given a modern stant bywriters such as Dennis Wheatley, but such as Dennis Wheatley, but Blackwood's way with the occult is still in a class of its own, as this play

11.00 The Radio Programme with 3.32 (LW only) Richard Baker Compares Notes with planist Emanuel Ax and cellist Yo-Yo Ma (3) 4.00 News

RADIO 4

4.05 Age to Age. Barry Cunliffe looks at the life of Labour leader George Lansbury who died in 1940 and talks to Bob ressur userge Lansbury who died in 1940 and talks to Bol holman, suffor of a new biography, and friend of Lansbury, Michael Foot 4.30 Kaleidoscope: Today's programme includes: reviews of a new production of Jo Orton's play. What the Butler Saw, at the Hampstead Theatre, London, and an exhibition of contemporary sculpture at the Angela Flowers Gallery, East London; teaturas on the beal records of the year and the work of Argentinian tango musican Carto Gardel, enormously popular in his homeland where extensive celebrations are taking clare for the post of the year and the carto.

extensive calebrations are taking place following the 100th anniversary of his death 5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather 6.00 Six O'Clock News; Financial

6.30 Flying the Flag. Alex Shearer's wry observation of East-West diplomacy, starring Dinsdale Landen (part 4) . 7.00 News 7.05 The Archers 7.20 File on 4: While tensions ramain high in the Middle East, reporter Helen Boads

asks how a war in the Gulf

would affect Britain —mili economically and politically 8.00 Science Now on artificial intelligence (r) 8.30 Southern Voices, Series of talks about the Third World. 4: Former Ghanaian parliamentary correspondent Carneron Duodu considers whether Africa can do withou

whether Artical and or white party democracy (r)

8.45 in Touch. The magazine for the blind and partially sighted investigates new portable systems to magnify print

9.15 Keleidoscope (broadcast at 4.30cm) (r) (s) 9.15 Katerdoscope (proaccast at 4.30pm) (r) (s) 9.45 The Financial World Tonight (s) 9.59 Weather 10.00 The World Tonight presented by Alexander MacLeod (s) 10.45 A Book at Bedtime: My Uncle State by H.E. Battes, Last of nine stones – The Return (a)

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11.30 Today in Parlament
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2.00pm Parewell to the King (1988):
Nigel Hevers and Nick Nolle star in this impressive adventure tale, set in the writes of Bornes

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The April 1988 (1988) 4.00 The Purple People Eater (1989): When a young boy during his achool holi-days is left stone with his grandfather, he discovers an enchanted record

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12.00 Angels with Dirty Faces (1938):
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. 8 Formerly fee, or other settlement (10). 9 Smoke screen precluding outside broadcasts (4).

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ple (7). 12 Reserved first passage on Queen in state (9). Forecast moving date is met (9).

16 The Navy gets under way in short film (7). 17 Freedom for the French is on the river (7),

18 Girl sustaining a rising note of praise (7). Kind of fly on a biblical animal

Concise Crossword, page 17

20 Our old favourite remedy (7).

#### The divers worked in terrible conditions. foundered off the Isle of Arran (Kerry could be seen that the vessel's hall was We searched Anteres twice and found still intact apart from a eash in the port Gill writes). The bodies of three crew three bodies, but with visibility so limited how. The wheelhouse was covered in members were recovered before the hawsers and rigging. Commander David there is still a good chance that the fourth weekend but there is still no sign of William Martindale, aged 24, of Keogh, in charge of the salvage operabody is lying near where the wreck was."

tion, said: "There was a force ten gale on

Saturday which caused major problems

and held up the operation. As with any

salvage attempt, things go wrong, but we were determined to raise the Antares.

# Hurd proposes new Nato force for emergencies

Carradale, Kintyre, the fourth man. Bad

weather prevented salvage work at the

weekend. Yesterday, as the weather

cleared and the seas calmed, the opera-

tion went ahead. As she broke surface it

By Andrew McEwen, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

agrees. Mr Hurd's proposal does BRITISH forces in Germany may become part of a new European not mean that the British Army of unit within the North Atlantic the Rhine would cease to be fully Affiance which could be deployed British, or that Britain would lose outside the Nato area in the event control of its command. of another international emer-

Reclaimed from the depths: the fishing

boat Antares being lifted to the surface in

the Firth of Clyde last night, more than two weeks after HMS Trenchant, the

Royal Navy nuclear-powered submarine,

dragged her underwater, taking four

Scottish fishermen to their deaths.

Yesterday's lifting off Bute came after

the Antares had been towed for eight

and Anglo-American fears that this could undermine Nato.

concerted effort by the govern-

ment to set a positive atmosphere

for the EC summit in Rome,

avoiding disputes. His speech

sidestepped the most controver-

comment on those aspects of a

joint initiative by President

Mitterrand and Chancellor Kohl

with which the government

issues and

sources were only

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prepared to

The proposal formed part of a

While the matter has been discussed in outline by Nato ministers, the question of com-Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, suggested this move last night in a speech in Berlin. He mand has not yet been addressed. It is seen as an effort to retain all appeared to be seeking a middle ground between demands by Italy, the important elements of the alliance and Britain's part in it, France and Germany that the while giving it a European flavour European Community should develop its own defence policy to appeal more to Bonn, Paris and

Mr Hurd said: "How to build a genuine European security identity will be one of the themes of the inter-governmental conference on political union," (which opens in

Rome on Saturday). He added: "Britain will have proposals to make and will listen attentively to the proposals of

A government source said this would also be Britain's approach on other issues, implicitly includ-

ing an Anglo-German proposal

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that virtually all decisions should be taken by majority vote.

The source said the force could consist of about 75,000 men made up of units from each member country. Most would be based in their own countries except during exercises, but Britain's contribution would be the army of the

As the speech was given in Germany, and German journalists were called to the British embassy in Bonn to discuss it, there was speculation that part of the aim was to make a continuing British presence in Germany acceptable to German public opinion.

It appears, however, that the was more to boost the tinuing membership of Nato by linking it to Western European union. The force would, however, include American units, and the European element would not be entirely separate.

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#### Peugeot pay deal ignores the government's warning

By TIM JONES AND KEVIN EASON

Government warnings that Friday are expected to show employers and unions must curb wage-led inflation if Britain is to avoid widespread job losses went unheeded yesterday with the news that unions and management at Peugeot Talbot had agreed a generous two-year deal for assem-

bly workers at Ryton, Coventry. Union leaders admitted the award, under which pay, including allowances, will rise from about £230 a week on average to £274 a week for assembly workers by January 1, 1992, was above infla-tion but emphasised it was a reward for large productivity improvements at the plant over the past few years.

Manual workers in the industry have been setting the pace for above inflation rises and the Peugeot Talbot agreement creates a big challenge for the government as thousands of other workers have made clear they expected rises which would maintain and improve their living standard.

The Peugeot Talbot deal will be worth 10.5 per cent in new money in the first year from January 1, even though figures due out on

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inflation down to 9.7 per cent and set to fall further next year. Peugeot said that the rest of the deal contained substantial elements of profits bonus and incentives to help the with further

Greenock for examination, has been

handed over to the police who, with the

transport department and the defence ministry, are investigating her loss.

improvements in efficiency. Ryton workers will get an extra 1.5 per cent as part of a job restructuring exercise plus another 2.5 to 3 per cent in profits bonuses. The second year will bring 7 per cent plus a 2.5 per cent profits award. The deal comes at a time, however, when Peugeot has been hit by the recession in new car sales in Britain and will be reducing output at Ryton from 2,400 a week to 2,300 a week.

Jaguar has awarded its 9,000 manual workers 12.5 per cent this year and Rover agreed to 11 per Unions leaders representing 500,000 town hall workers and 150,000 workers in the electricity industry have said they expect rises above inflation, while workers involved in the offshore oil and gas catering industry have been offered 14.5 per cent.

Much of southern and east-

ern England will be cloudy

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with patchy light rain. Wales and central and north-west England will be mainly dry with sunny spells. Scotland and

Northern Ireland will start dry and bright, but rain spreading

from the north-west may fall as snow over high ground in

Scotland. Eastern Scotland will be brighter and mainly dry.

Outlook: brighter with dry spells, but rain in the North-West.

#### Political sketch

# Rave review for a priceless panto

were freezing in our homes ..." -Andy Stewart (C, Sherwood) was paying tribute to electricity linesmen - "they were freezing on the

MIKE WILKINSO

Missing Mrs Thatcher's stern presence, the government front bench could not contain themselves. Some doubled up with laughter. Norman Tebbit grinned like a skull. MPs are mostly little boys at heart.

Sometimes fate, or the climate, brings us pantomime at West-minster which is simply too good to be true. A fictional sketch in which an opposition spokesman blamed the weather on the government would be too crass to be credible; a spluttering Roy Hattersley as opposition spokesman, would be unoriginal.

A smooth Tory minister, taking credit for the electricity linesmen, the police, the army and British Rail, would lose by exaggeration. That Mr Kenneth Baker should play this role would be obvious to the point of farce.

The farce occurred, yesterday afternoon, in the Commons. Mr Hattersley asked the government what it was going to do about the weather. Mr Baker, as home secretary, proudly listed achievements during this emergency.

"Unduly harsh weather," announced Mr Baker, with the confidence which attends an utterly redundant statement, "always presents us with new

He followed this bombshell with a remark calculated to perplex even students of advanced statistics. "It was the most severe blizzard quite so early for a number of years." How much less severe was the next most severe blizzard, next most early, in as

many years? Discuss. Mr Hattersley sat quietly, puffing his cheeks in and out, working up the appropriate outrage. On cue, he exploded.

"There's a feeling in the country, of ... surprise," he protested.
"Why weren't British Rail prepared?" How was it that "some homes were without water for a day?" ... "Thousands of home-

Birmingham's Andrew Har-greaves (C) then made the mistake of boasting that he had been stuck on the M6. That started the

lot of them off. Stuck on the Mar You didn't know you'd been born, unless you'd been "stationary on the M6 for 18 hours," like Ivan Lawrence QC (C Burton), "fortunately in the com-

pany of my wife". A hundred hearts went out to Mrs Lawrence. "As one who survived 18% hours on the M6" (Labour's Robert Wareing went one better) would the government consider setting up "a network of climatologists, economists, and of-ficials ... "And if they, too, got stuck on the M6 ..?

There to meet Gerry Bermingham (L, St Helens S) "as one who was stuck for 10-16 hours ... " - some of us think Mr Bermingham has been stuck for rather longer - "... had it not been for two coachloads of young soldiers ..." I looked up in sudden interest: but they had only rescued him.

MPs, climatologists, officials economists and two coachloads of young soldiers, stuck for an eternity on the M6 ... the whole thing testered giddily between Feydeau and Kafka.

"I understand," said Mr Baker, looking tenderly at Robert Banks (C, Harrogate) "that he was nearly killed. And I'm glad that the tree did not fall on the room where he was sleeping." Only a Tory MP, talking to another, would feel that worth affirming. Mr Banks glanced, with an expression of grateful surprise, in Mr Baker's direction.

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The home secretary turned to praise Dame Elaine Kellett-Bow man (C, Lancaster), who had told him that she had "set the alarm for 3.30 am, and left at 3.45" (though frankly her disarray was no more pronounced than usual). "She's a credit to us all," Baker told us, "Nothing would stop

"She's a snow-plough" came an ungaliant voice not unlike that of Labour's John Prescott. "On behalf of the Liberal

Democrats ... ?

"May I extend our condolences (this was Truro's Matthew Taylor) "... congratulate the linesmen ..." (it hasn't even snowed in Truro!) " ... emergency services ..." Aargh!

**MATTHEW PARRIS** 

### Official blizzard enquiry

were unable to reach the Browns Lane plant while maintenance teams discovered damage in some of the company's premises.

The company said last night that as a result of disruption to assembly schedules, 4,500 workers at Coventry and another 400 at

would be isid off until next week. Mr Rifkind's announcement came as MPs returned to Westminster from their weekend attempts to visit their constituencies, protesting bitterly about being stuck in their cars for hours. Their complaints drew

Kenneth Baker, the home secretary, the disclosure that the authorities were considering closing urban motorways in severe weather to stop motorists becom-

ing stranded. The strongest criticism came from MPs representing seats in the North and the Midlands, and hose cars had been tra motorway snowdrifts. Ivan Lawrence, Tory MP for Burton, provoked laughter when he said he had been sustained during his 18hour wait near the Corley services on the M6 only by the company of his wife and "good Burton beer" kept for emergencies.

LIGHTING-UP TIME

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WORD-WATCHING A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct? By Philip Howard

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TUESDAY DECEMBER 11 1990

# Goodman rescue package accepted

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From Dan White in dublin GOODMAN International, the debt-laden Irish meat group, had a rescue plan accepted by its bankers after a meeting with the examiner appointed by courts to oversee

the group's affairs. The examiner will seek the approval of the High Court in Dublin today for the plan

Representatives from 33 banks that are owed more than Ir£500 million (£454 million) by Goodman met at the investment Bank of Ireland to discuss the company's fate. Larry Goodman will

merge with 40 per cent of the restructured company immediately. It will be known as Clare International. If profit targets are met, his shareholding could climb to 90 per cent by 1997.

Mr Goodman will remain as chief executive, but he will be assisted by a new finance director, a new chairman and two further non-executive directors. These must be acceptable to the banks but will be chosen by Mr Goodman.

Interest payments on more than half of the Ir£510 million of debt will be frozen until

Mr Goodman's demand that he be given immunity from legal action from the banks was also a sticking

The plan splits the Ir£510 million Goodman debt into four parts. The lr£168 million owed to Goodman International by the Iraqis will bear no interest. Neither will a further Ir£103 million of "rump" debt. There will be an Ir£100 million term interest loan bearing interest at the Dublin interbank rate plus 2 per cent and an Ir£134 million 'asset" loan bearing interest at 2 per cent over Dibor.

Peter Fitzpatrick, the examiner, reckons that the workout plan could be worth up to 73p in the pound to the banks, assuming that the Iraq debt will be repaid. If the Iraq debt is written off the maximum value of the workout falls to 53p in the pound.

### Oil prices edge up

CRUDE oil prices edged higher, carried along by higher refined product prices, after news of the temporary closure of Saudi Arabia's Ras Tan-

nurah refinery after a fire. In London, January Brent crude futures were up 32 cents per barrel at \$27.50. In New York, light crude oil futures for January stood 32 cents per barrel higher at \$26.90. Another bullish factor in the oil market is the cold weather.

Fairfax crashes John Fairfax, Australia's oldest newspaper empire, has been put into provisional liquidation. The main creditors are the Australia and

Empire ends, page 13

THE POUND US dollar 1.9455 (-0.0055) German mark 2.8609 (-0.0197) Exchange index 93.3 (-0.2)

and Citibank.

STOCK MARKET

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Tokyo Nikkei Avge 23784.67 (+262.18) Closing Prices ... Page 29

#### INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 14% 3-month Interbank 13½-13716% 3-month ebgible bills:12<sup>15</sup>1e-123/4% US: Prime Rate 10% Federal Funds 71/6%\*
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# Levitt 'urged to contact Fimbra'

AND ANGELA MACKAY

STOY Hayward, auditor to the collapsed Levitt Group, refused to sign off the company's 1989 accounts in June because the financial information provided was "unsatisfactory".

Moreover, in October, after Levitt, one of the largest financial services groups in Britain, failed to fill these gaps, Stoy Hayward advised the company to contact Fimbra, the watchdog, to try to clarify Levitt's position. The auditors have been co-operating with Firnbra for the past eight weeks.

Roger Levitt, the group's chair-man, was pushed to resign as a director of the main company by Fimbra two weeks ago but has

Auditor refused to sign off 1989 accounts

# because 'information was unsatisfactory'

remained chairman of the holding

Roger Roberts, a spokesman for Stoy Hayward, said Levitt had been a client since 1977. "We have had a long relationship with the company but we have not signed the 1989 accounts because we were not happy with the information put

"There were several holes which Levitt just did not fill in and we exerted pressure on the company in October to contact Fimbra."

The fate of Levitt hung in the balance last night as officials met to decide whether to place the firm in receivership. Members of KPMG Peat Marwick McLintock were meeting to decide the best course of action. Fimbra confirmed that it has been investigating the affairs of Levitt since making a compliance visit on October 8. It said in a

statement that its statutory and contractual powers had been used with a view to protecting client funds, initiating board and management changes, as well as a change in controlling ownership, and injecting additional capital. "The company has been unable to meet all Fimbra's requirements and applied for an administrator to be appointed."

The four institutions who had

Levitt Group, Legal & General, Chase Manhattan, General Accident and Commercial Union, refused to comment further on

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The institutions paid Mr Levitt £24.6 million in return for their stakes. Fears were voiced that they stand to lose "several million pounds" in indemnity commission, paid upfront in return for life assurance and pension business. But two of the groups said privately that they had written little new business with the company since taking their stakes.

Attention is likely to be focused on the activities of LIT Holdings, the financial services group, which paid £12.3 million for a 24.5 per

Holdings in March 1988. LIT was obliged to take up an additional stake in the group if certain profit targets were met.

LIT paid £4.25 million for a further 8.8 per cent stake in February 1989, taking its total investment in the company to 33.3 per cent. The shareholding was repurchased by Mr Levitt for £15.5 million in January 1990. Michael Middlemas, who negotiated the original deal with Mr Levitt, resigned as chief executive of LIT in August 1989.

Mr Middlemas refused to return telephone calls last night. LIT made a £3 million provision in the 1989 accounts to cover its losses on

# Shop sales signal lean Christmas

By COLIN NARBROUGH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

month after a 1.1 per cent drop in October, prompting at 131/2-133/6 per cent. fears that retailers are heading for a lean Christmas to end a

While the provisional vol-ume retail sales numbers prorecession, producer price data inflation may have peaked.

The pound softened after the data, but the foreign exchange market focused on the dollar, which fell to a low of DM1.4675 at one stage.

Sterling followed the dollar down for much of the session

on the back of sluggish oil prices, the prospect of interest rate cuts, and speculation about an early general elec-

London only slightly lower at

On its Bank of England where expectations of early

RETAIL sales figures fell despite repeated signals to the another half per cent last contrary from the Bank, threemonth rates were unchanged

Although the weakening domestic economy is widely seen in the City as justifying a further base rate cut, possibly as early as Friday after the vided fresh evidence of November inflation figures are published, the pound has suggested that underlying fallen to its lowest level against the mark since Britain joined the exchange-rate mechanism of the European Monetary System.

Fresh fears of a possible rise in German interest rates also depressed sterling, reducing market hopes of a quick cut in British interest rates because the ERM constrains the government's room for monetary manoeuvre.

The Central Statistical Office said the retail sales index for November was 120.7, its \$1.9455, while against the mark, helped by talks of rate continued fall in sales contradius timent by the dicted the latest consumer reflecting most two and half prennigs to DM2.8609.

In the continued fall in sales contradictions of the latest consumer reflecting ditions. If the perplexing surge in borrowing on a broad front. City forecasters had pointed

trade-weighted index, the to a slight recovery in retail ie tradown on Friday's close at ditional start of the Christmas 93.3. In the money markets, shopping season. But with bad weather hampering shopping base rate cuts have been high, last weekend, some analysts

fear crucial December sales will be badly hit.

Keith Skeoch, chief economist at James Capel, said a below-average December after the sharp falls in recent months would be a "disaster" for the retail trade.

Factory gate prices, widely considered a reliable guide to core inflation, gained 0.2 per cent in November for an annual rise of 5.8 per cent in November, down from 5.9 per cent in October. Manufacturers' fuel and raw material costs showed an en-

couraging drop of 0.2 per cent in November, for a 2.4 per cent fall in the last 12 months, after a 0.7 per cent fall in the year to October. Gerard Lyons, chief economist at DKB International, said: "The domestic case for a

rate cut remains strong. Retail sales are weaker, producer prices are better than expected, with input prices still reflecting disinflationary con-

Jim O'Neill, currency an-alyst at Swiss Bank Corp, said that with the economy imploding, a base rate cut would need for risky moves."

Monetary union, page 14 in pre-tax profits to £6.3 million Comment, page 25 in months to the end of September.



FLYING HIGH: David Crossland (left), chairman of Airtours, the UK's fourth largest package tour operator, and Hugh Collinson, good year after reporting a 21 per cent increase in pre-tax profits to £6.3 million for the 12

The company, which has announced plans to launch its own airline next spring, was "now ideally placed to take advantage of the better belance of supply and demand for holidays, Mr Crossland said.

Opel expands eastward

Opel, General Motors' Ger- Germany. General Motors has

man car manufacturing sub- also been in talks with Bratis-

sidiary, says it is to sign a lavske Automobile Zavody

contract on Thursday to spend about producing gearboxes.

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#### Power cut for investors

# NORWEB **STANDAY** New Zealand Banking Group **ELEMPS** ₹₽ELECTRIC SEEBOARD SVÆ

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# Slimmer Berisford still loses £326m

By MATTHEW BOND

million sale of British Sugar to Associated British Foods, made losses of £326 million in the year to September.
John Sciater, the chairman,

who succeeded Ephraim Marguiles in March, described the results as "very poor". He added they had been affected by big provisions on British property, high interest costs, poor trading results and lack of confidence in the compa-ny's financial soundness. No interim dividend (1.8p) or final (4.4p) is being paid.

Berisford's shares fell 6.5p to 22p, despite a pro forma balance sheet showing net assets per share of 73p after the disposal of British Sugar. Analysis are concerned about Berisford minus British Sugar. Bristar, Berisford's food business division, is dominated by British Sugar and was

the only division to make a This forms the main part of a profit in 1990, contributing £121.2 million exceptional £111 million to pre-tax profits. item, which caused the com-After the British Sugar sale, Berisford's year-end net debt of £922 million has fallen to £247 million, taking gearing below 70 per cent. At their peak, borrowings were £1.2 billion.

Peter Jacobs, Berisford's chief executive, was delighted with the British Sugar sale. "British Sugar is going to a good home," he said. Mr

# BERISFORD International, Sciater said the sale marked which announced the £880 the end of one chapter in

Berisford's recovery, and the start of another. "Now as we move into the next phase, the profit and loss account is more significant. Central to the next few weeks will be the defining of a focus for Berisford's ongoing business."

Mr Sclater thanked the

advisers and 68 banks for their support. The banks agreed a £1.2 billion refinancing in September. The results reiterate the damage to Berisford by its ill-fated decision in the Eighties, to diversify into property. The problems began in New York, but its British schemes are now hit.

Despite a £12.5 million provision only three months before the year-end, a further £72.7 million has been written off the value of the British property portfolio, taking total provisions to £85.2 million. This forms the main part of a pany to report a £96.1 million loss at the pre-tax level.

The ruinous slide in New York property values has continued. Despite the \$234 million provision at interim time, the company has made further \$86.8 million provisions taking write-offs to over \$400 million.

Comment, page 25

# Banks hunt drug cash launderers

By NEIL BENNETT

BANKS and building societies are being urged to recognise drug money laundering and report it to police under Bank of England guidelines.

billions of pounds of drug money flowing through the financial industry each year. Bank staff are being trained to spot suspicious transactions, particularly unusually large cash deposits, foreign exchange deals, or the use of forged notes or bonds.

Banks have to report transactions to the National Drug Intelligence Unit at Scotland Yard. The unit will then call in special investigators.

The quidelines call for migromore to

show a passport or a full driving licence his account. In another case, police before they are allowed to open an account. The guidelines say that even birth certificates can be obtained too easily for use as full identification.

Banks will also now check the voters' The measures are aimed to halt the roll or a credit reference agency to ensure a customer has given his real address. Since work started on the guidelines, the number of tip-offs to the police about suspicious transactions has surged -1,700 this year compared with 1,200 in 1989. Detective Inspector Tim Wren, of NDIU, said a fifth of these reports open a

case or add to an existing one. One tip-off led to the discovery of a cocaine factory in Europe. The anti-drug unit was told of a customer who transferred money to Peru then regularly discovered a bank manager was helping drug traffickers to launder funds through his branch after they arrested a man with six kilogrammes of heroin. The manager was jailed for four years.

The guidelines have been produced by the British Bankers' Association, the Building Societies Association and the NDIU. It comes in response to the Group of Seven task force's report on money laundering last year. The working party is now looking at ways to prevent money laundering

through insurance and investment companies. A Whitehall inter-departmental group is also looking at ways to tackle the informal financial sector, including casinos, car auctions and bureaux de change

#### **SmithKline** shuffles boardroom By Jonathan Prynn

SMITHKLINE Beecham, the Anglo American pharmaceuncals group, is to give nonexecutive directors a majority voice in its boardroom through a major restructuring of its senior management.

The board of 20 will be cut to 16, comprising seven executive and nine non-executive directors. Until now, the board has been equally split between executive and nonexecutive members.

The restructuring also brings Alain Gomez, chairman and chief executive of Thompson, the French electronics group, onto the Smith-

Kline Beecham main board. Henry Wendt, the group's chairman, said: "Following the merger last year, our focus has been on the successful creation of a new company. As we move to the next phase our focus is on directing the development of SmithKline Beecham as a growing force in global health care.

"Change of this order begins in the boardroom. We believe the board should reflect the transitional nature of our company. We also believe a board smaller than the present 20 members is now approsuccessful corporate governance now and in fixture requires a board comprised of a majority of non-executive directors experienced in corporate matters, a broad perspective, and representative of a variety of points of

Three executive board members are resigning from the main board as a result of the restructuring but will remain as members of the group's executive committee.

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Provisions of £106m for 3i bring slump at half time

Britain's largest investment capital company, slumped now moderate. from £133.4 million to just £18.1 million during the half

to end-September. Provisions of £106.4 million, reflecting a drop in the value of investments, were the decline. The group was also hit by a fall in proceeds from realisations, largely as a result of property investments that are being unwound.

Net assets per share fell 7.84 per cent during the first half. During the same period, the FTA 500 index was down 12.1

David Marlow, chief executive, said the results "reflected what is happening in British Industry". He stressed, however, that 3i retained a long-term approach to its inrestment strategy.

More emphasis is being placed on finding opportu-nities overseas. Only a fifth of 3i's investment portfolio is presently located abroad.

Group income during the first half rose 9 per cent to £172.5 million. Profits on realisations, less losses, fell 40 per cent to £87.4 million. Costs rose almost £2.4 million to £37.2 million. An "efficiency review" led to 78 in trading income from £25.2 redundancies last month from to £7.8 million.

management for £82 million.

At the beginning of the year,

analysis estimated that An-

glian and Boulton & Paul, the

joinery business, could fetch

£350 million. Boulton & Paul

failed to receive any accept-

able offers and BET withdrew

BET will receive £52 mil-

lion in cash for Anglian with

the remainder in five-year

cent interest. The group may

it from sale last month.

FPS: 7.89p (4,67p)

EPS: 0.79p (0.78p)

Div: 19.7p (16.3p)

EPS: 3.3p (3.5p)

EPS: 7p (11.2p) Div: 2.5p (2.5p)

Pre-tax: £6,000 (-£204,000)

Eric Serjeant, of Quainton.

Div:0.95p (0.867p)

TMD Advertising (Fin) Pre-tax: £3.01m (£2.2m) EPS: 21.3p (18.3p)

Robertson Group (Int) Pre-tax: £2.61m (£2.74m)

The Cronite Group (Fin)

Pre-tax: £1.22m (£2.3m)

I Morris (Saltaire) (Int)

Div: nil (nli)

Div: 2.63p (2.32p)

PRE-TAX profits at 3i Group, 3i's staff of 923. Mr Marlow believes cost increases should

Some areas of 3i's business remain resilient. The company funded 59 start-ups during the first half, compared with 114 for the whole of 1989. The company also backlargest single factor in the ed 51 management buyouts, against 116 in the whole of 1989. Mr Marlow said that large buyouts were now rare, but overall the market was

"holding up very well."
Subsidiaries of groups going into receivership were providing a fruitful source of demand

Mr Marlow declined to say how many companies backed by 3i are in trouble as a result of the recession, although he conceded that more were receiving close attention. In the wake of an inland

Revenue ruling in October, 3i can now present its accounts as an investment company. That will enable it to detail its revenues without being obliged to offset changes in the

value of its investments against them. In the first half, the newstyle accounts show a rise in dividend and interest income from investments to £130.3 million, accompanied by a fall

Anglian has net assets of £20

cash during period of high interest

placed to enhance profits from

Company remains confident of "satisfactory outcome" for full year despite difficult trading

Company to seek authorisation for

share buybacks. Does not forsee major reduction in profits during

Illingworth Morris (Saltaire) says

there has been no significant variation in performance in first half of the current year.

Company has cash reserves, no long

term debt and strong liquidity. 1990-91 has started well and "good

brewing and retailing.

year" expected

the current year.

By OUR CITY STAFF

BET, the services group, is also have a share in any future

selling Anglian Windows to its sale or flotation of the busi-

COMPANY BRIEFS

Pre-tax: £1.35m (£903,000)increase due to need to conserve

Hoskins Brewery (Int) Current trading at "satisfactory Pre-tax: £42,000 (£48,000) level." Chairman says company well

#### Pensioner **BET** to sell Anglian takes on

to £114.5 million in the six

interim dividend is raised from

Alick Rankin (above), the

**Philips** 

insurance cover it offers its

ness. Anglian's management, MICHAEL Gaisford, a penled by Bill Hancock, chief sioner, is contesting a decision executive, is backed by Legal by Philips Electronic and & General Ventures, Barclays is principal banker to the Associated Industries to change the private medical

etired employees. million and was purchased by He is seeking compensation BET in 1984 for £33 million. in his action at the Queen's The business is expected to Bench Division of the High make profits, before tax and Court in London today. Few interest, of £10 million for the and Kester, of Cambridge, his loan notes at an annual 12 per year to March 1991. solicitor, said the case is about BET shares rose 2p to 162p. whether the health benefit Philips offered was contractual, or could be changed or Airsprung Furniture (Int) Interim dividend held to "modest" cancelled by the company.

Mr Gaisford retired in 1984. As a senior manager he qualified for Philips' corporate insurance plan administered by Private Patients Plan (PPP), the health insurer.

This scheme offers employ ees and their families life-long free access to all hospitals except leading London establish-

in 1987, Mr Gaisford received a letter from Philips saying it was changing the cover of retired employees to PPP's retirement health plan which pays for private health care if the National Health Service cannot provide treatment within six weeks. A Philips spokesman declined to

#### chairman and chief executive, the industry. There are going said S&N and other middle—to be some brewers who are **Albert Fisher buys Campbell firms**

going to say 'maless I can in

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S&N. in contrast to other

brewers who have reported

this season, says it has seen no

downturn in beer sales in the

Tony Millar, chairman of

Albert Fisher, said the ac-

quisitions will help to develop

the group's European food-

processing and distribution, and will bring additional

strong supplier and customer

Campbell's Frozen Veg-

etables is based at Hemel

Hempstead, Hertfordshire,

Most of the vegetables are

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By GILLIAN BOWDITCH

ALBERT Fisher, the fruit and vegetable distributor, has bought three businesses from Campbell Soup for £15.1 million cash. The deal will make Fisher Britain's largest company in the frozen green vegetable market.

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Fisher has bought Campbell's UK Frozen Vegetable, Campbell's Seafoods, which trades as Morubel, and Campbell's UK Seafood, which have combined net assets of £15 million after deducting borrowings of £9.46 million. Combined pre-tax profits for the year to end-July were £3.1 million on sales of £116



#### Bank boards to meet over merger plan

By Neil Bennett BANKING CORRESPONDENT

THE boards of Midland Bank and Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation meet this week to decide if there is any future in the merger they have been planning for the

past three years.
The standstill agreement on Hongkong Bank's 14.9 per cent stake in Midland expires on December 22. Speculation in Hong Kong suggests the

standstill will not be renewed. Hongkong Bank meets to-day, and the board's decision will be carried to London by William Purves, the chairman, and Peter Wrangham, a director. Midland holds its monthly meeting this Friday.

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Borrowing costs bite at Land

By MATTHEW BOND

PROFITS at British Land, the country's fourth-largest property company, have suffered from an interest charge that has more than doubled. In the six months to end-

September pre-tax profits fell 58 per cent to £10.1 million. The interest charge rose from £12.4 million to £27.5 million, reflecting £300 mil-lion of property acquisitions made over the intervening 12 months by John Ritblat, the chairman.

A further £1.1 million of interest has been capitalised during the six months.

Despite the big hike in borrowing costs, interest is still well covered by net rental income, which over the sixmonth period rose 20 per cent to £36.2 million.

The purchases have resulted in the company's net borrow-ings rising to £652 million, giving gearing of 59 per cent. Unlike last year, when the company was embroiled in its controversial restructuring proposals, an interim dividend, of 1.88p, is to be paid. Mr Ritblat said he is continuing to look for attractive opportunities, both large and

#### Cray back in black at £800,000

By Martin Barrow

CRAY Electronics Holdings has returned to profit at the interim stage, just one year after the former management team of UEI, the high-technology concern, came to its rescue.

In the six months to end-October, the company earned pre-tax profits of £800,000 (£3.2 million losses). Earnings per share were 0.54p (2.28p loss). There is again no dividend.

Turnover rose 5 per cent to £53.4 million but operating profits more than trebled from £1.22 million to £3.99 million. covering interest costs of £3.2 million.

experienced management plus In September, Ace Packag ing Designs was sold for £3 million. Negotiations over the sale of the group's defence companies were at an advanced stage; the company

#### **BAe** awarded The division, which had a £400m order turnover of £78 million in the

£400 million order to supply 28 Hawk fighter and trainer aircraft to the Royal Malay

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cludes a 20-year support deal, received by BAe under ing signed between the British and Malaysian government in 1988. Delivery of the aircraft will begin in 1994.

### - BUSINESS ROUNDUP Liquidator threat to Bond restructuring

THE restructuring of Alan Bond's Bond Corp has been put in jeopardy by the appointments of provisional liquidators to JN Taylor Holdings, a subsidiary, by Justice Debelle in the supreme court of South Australia. The appointments, after applications by 28 preference shareholders, were stayed pending a Taylor appeal. The appointments could trigger a chain reaction and threaten a debt-for-equity swap plan that would leave Bond Corp 90 per cent-controlled by European

If the provisional liquidators seek to recover Aus\$277 million (£110 million) in loans owned by Bond companies. Bond Corp would soon fail into liquidation. At its last balance date, Bond Corp had Aus\$1.7 million cash and assets of Aus\$2.6 million, with liabilities of Aus\$1.2 billion.

#### Seton aims to Interim fall raise £2.9m

SETON Healthcare Group. the sports and health goods maker, is raising £2.9 million through a 135p, one-foreight share offer and purchasing two muscular painrelief cream brands from Reckitt & Colman for £1.35 million. Seton had pre-tax profits of £658,000 for the six months to end-August (£387,000). There is a 0.4p interim dividend (nil).

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PRE-TAX profits at Marting industries, the scatbeli maker and car bodywork group, fell from £4.4 million to £2,8 million for the six months to end-September. Sales were up 5 per cent to £58.8 million. Pressure on margins had been felt in Spain, France, Italy and The Netherlands. The interim dividend is unchanged at

### Oriflame profit halved

ORIFLAME, the London-listed Swedish cosmetics group, has provided £1.5 million against potential losses on an investment in commercial paper, made chiefly through Morgan Grenfell, and has "terminated" its eight-year relationship with the financial adviser. Oriflame revealed its first fall in earnings for 15 years, reporting pre-tax profits down from £4.46 million to £2.22 million, including provisions, for the six months to the end of September.

Earnings fell from 7.8p a share to 6.5p, but the interim dividend is kept at 4p a share, reflecting "strong cash resources" and "good prospects". Excluding the provision trading profits fell from £4.5 million to £3.7 million.

# Whitecroft

THE commercial property slump has contributed to a halving of interim pre-tax profits to £3.6 million at Whitecroft the industrial holding company. Property profits fell from £2.8 million to £614,000 in the six months to end-September. Profits in textiles and building products fell but the lighting side improved. The dividend is held at 4.6p.

#### Foreign sales falls to £3.6m help Halma

OVERSEAS sales growth helped push interim pre-tax profits at Halma, the specialist environmental products group, up 10 per cent to £6.2 million for the six months to end-September. The increase was achieved on sales ahead 10 per cent to £38,9 million, with overseas sales up 25 per cent. The interim dividend is lifted 30 per cent

# Creighton's advances

CREIGHTON'S Naturally, the Unlisted Securities Marketquoted toiletries and fragrances group, has regained the ground it lost last year after difficulties in the American

Pre-tax profits for the six months to end-September show a rise from £117,000 to £502,000, on sales of £5.57 million, up from £3.85 million. Earnings per share rose from 1.7p to 7.1p and the interim dividend is 1.8p (1.6p). Richard Collard, the company's chairman, said: "The board expects the current financial year to be one of continued recovery for the company." The shares rose 15p to 135p.

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A JOKE about Skoda cars

used to say there was only one

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Last weekend, Volkswagen

raised the jocularity stakes,

when it was allowed to go

ahead with its plan to pour DM8 billion into Skoda, all

for the sake of adding value.

regard this as a so far un-known incident of a German

sense of humour. Others

might take a different view.

They might say, with some justification, that the manage-

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tle kept going for almost 50 years, and the nowadays

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But today, the company,

famous for its small cars, is

going for size. If size was the

yardstick of success, Volks-

wagen could already claim the

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heavyweight champion of the

The company has widened

the sales gap on Fiat, its principle European rival, and

with Skoda as its fourth

operating subsidiary, after

the gap will widen further.

Volkswagen, Audi and Seat,

The fight between Volks-

wagen and Renault for Skoda

has probably been one of the

biggest ego-trips in the history

of the motor industry. Both

companies outbid each other,

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Volkswagen was the commit-

ment to invest DM8 billion

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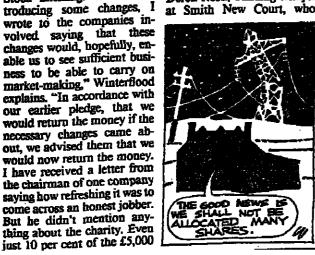
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attitude of some companies. While posting off cheques worth more than £300,000 to return the individual payments of £5,000 sent to him by 64 companies to ensure that he would continue to make markets in their shares -Winterflood has been receiving initial responses to his earlier letter, which suggested that the companies donate part of the money to the Rehabilitation and Medical Research Trust, of which he is a vice-president. "Since the Stock Exchange is now introducing some changes, I wrote to the companies involved saying that these changes would, hopefully, enable us to see sufficient business to be able to carry on market-making," Winterflood explains, "In accordance with our earlier pledge, that we would return the money if the necessary changes came about, we advised them that we would now return the money. I have received a letter from the chairman of one company saying how refreshing it was to come across an honest jobber.

Industrial heart would raise an awill to money for a good cause."

AN IMAGINATTVE salesman BRITISH industry might be from MI Group, who cold in the midst of a difficult economic climate, but Brian Winterflood, of Winterflood tempted to sell him a "hypo-Securities, is nevertheless dis-mayed by the Scrooge-like ramme." "I think he was trying to ensure that I had a good enough pension to pay my central heating bills when I retire," says Lehman. "I told him that I would buy a hot water bottle instead."

Constructive cheer CITY analysts turn their hands to many things in the beat the building analysts who gathered in a City pub, The Old Doctor Butler's Head, for an annual test of their gaming skills. The star of the show was



Reed won after trying his hand

other traditional pub games. hands on the prize, a hamper carving since he was 15. of food, Reed's Hoare Govett offered the basket for auction. But to demonstrate they bore no ill feeling, Brzeskwinski and her teammate Jeff Sumhamper to David Collyer, manager of the pub, who intends to auction it once again to his regulars. The evening, sponsored by Bardon, the quoted construction

course of duty. But few can Derek Reed, building analyst



group, raised £2,000 for leukaemia research.

Second helping THANKFUL that insider dealing is not illegal in the meat world, Charles Boyd, head of Chester Boyd, the City catering firm, placed a bet on himself and went on to win the Dewhurst master carver contest. Boyd, whose firm does the catering for Butchers and Founders Halls in the Square Mile, was assisted by Graham Jackman, the Smithfield poultry dealer, and, for the second time in three years, won the first prize after carving a 151b turkey in six minutes. Runners up to Boyd and Jackman were Michael Barry, of The Food Programme, and Henry

would raise an awful lot of snatched first prize from last year. Boyd placed a £5 bet money for a good cause."

Crystyna Brzeskwinski, conon himself at Ladbrokes, struction analyst at Hoare which ran a tote on the Govett and last year's winner. contest, at even money, and Jackman went further with a at darts, table football and £100 bet. "We did fancy ourselves to win," admits Clearly determined to get their Boyd, aged 33, who has been

rivals then bid £250 when he And doc makes six WHEN Michael Coppel, the chief executive of Airsprung Furniture Group, the bed and mers promptly presented the sofa maker, unveiled interim results that defied market trends - pre-tax profits rose 49 per cent - it marked the latest in a long line of achievements by the Coppel family. Coppel, the grandson of a Lithuanian immigrant, reyeals that his brother Ronald is the managing director of the Australian Stock Exchange. his cousin Laurence is the

head of corporate finance at Singer & Friedlander, another cousin Andrew is the managing director of Sale Tilney, the fruit distributor, and a third cousin Edwin is the managing director of Hampden Homecare, the DIY group. "As kids. we lived within a mile of each other and were brought up together. It was our grandfather who motivated us," says Michael, aged 59. "We keep in touch and learn from each other's experience." A fourth consin Dennis is a

CAROL LEONARD

doctor at Belfast's Royal Vic-

toria Hospital.

# Frank is going empty handed

or more for London, the least popular of the 12 in terms of oversubscription. Applications for £1,000 or less get just 100

At the other end of the scale are non-customers in SEEBOARD. The company's relatively small size and the heavy customer response leaves those of them wanting the minimum of 100 shares with just 90, while all the others go out entirely.

The mathematics of the response to the issue suggests that of the total 12.75 million applications, more than nine million come from noncustomers, who are by definition most likely to want to sell out immediately. Special dealing arrangements such as Sharelink, which allow an immediate sale, account for perhaps 500,000. The rest will have to wait until after the Christmas break at least for their certificates.

All this looks like a recipe for chaos in the after-market. The COMMENT

favourites, and these are not necessarily those now heading for the highest premiums

# Xmas puzzle

s if the arctic storms that swept the country at the weekend, and the crucial loss in shopping days it brought, were not enough to send shivers through an aiready desperate retail sector, the latest sales numbers provide another icy

After plummeting 1.1 per cent in October, the City had been looking for the provisional retail sales figures for November to the consumer having regained a little confidence. The base rate cut in October, and expectations of more to come,

institutions have picked their was expected to have added to pressures generated as Yuletide neared.

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But where consumer credit data last week, which showed a surge to record levels of borrowing, cast doubt on the woeful message from the high streets and shopping malis, the retail sales data gave chill confirmation that shoppers are in steep retreat. Volume sales fell 0.5 per cent in November, compounding the effect of the 1.1 per cent slump in October.

Retailers are clearly seeing their worst times since the last recession and the downturn in sales has started to feed through to all subsectors, even food and drink, which long seemed invulnerable to the squeeze. The grim picture is made clearer in six-month comparison. which points to annualised sales

volumes falling about 6 per cent. Given the evidence of recession, many City economists share the Retail Consortium's view about the need to ease the monetary reins urgently. However, most like Norman Lamont himself, add the important proviso that interest rate cuts must take into account the position of sterling in the exchange-rate mechanism. And the value of the pound is no longer in the Chancellor's gift, as the market saw yesterday when the Bundesbank announced a

news conference for Thursday. Fearful that the Bundesbank is about to hike key lending rates, foreign exchange dealers marked down the pound to close to DM2.86, further towards the bottom of its ERM band. Does that end all hope of an early cut in base rate? Not necessarily. The currency has room to bounce back this week. But the question for Mr Lamont is whether Britain's monetary management

will gain credibility with a potentially risky easing this side

#### What Next?

he walking wounded are not difficult to spot in the retail sector but Next is one company which appears to be on the critical list if its share price is anything to go by. The shares hit a new low of 19p yesterday, only lp down on the day, but at these levels every penny off the price equals a 5 per cent drop in value. The group is now valued at £70

million. This time last year Next was worth four times that amount. But even at these levels Next has its supporters. Only last week Nick Bubb of Morgan Stanley was tipping the stock as a buy. Retail analysts believe the value of the Grattan mail order business alone is worth more than the current market value of Next.

Next denies it is in financial trouble but the share price appears to be saying something and in these nervous markets that message is difficult to ignore.

# The DM8bn Skoda ioke from Volkswagen



Time off: A Skoda worker ponders life with Volkswagen

the darkest horse of them all. Despite Vorsprung durch Technik, Audi has never The Czech republic has no doubt landed a good deal, but caught up with the image or, indeed, the sales of BMW or Mercedes-Benz. In the small car market, Seat's position has improved, but from a negoperated three different own- ligible basis, and it still lags brand companies, with Seat, substantially behind Ford,

respectively. Audi has been continues to thrive. The company is just another proof of the theory that diversification is bad news.

In Volkswagen's case, size is everything but a yardstick of success. Pre-tax margins, after recovering during the mid-Eighties, are now falling again, from 1.5 per cent last year, to 1.2 per cent at the interim VW and Audi, in the lower, Opel and Fiat. Only the trastage this year, with some middle and upper markets ditional Volkswagen business further declines expected.

Compared with Daimler-Benz and BMW, its German rivals, and to Fiat, this is a dismal performanceby Volkswagen.

So then: Why buy Skoda? There is the argument that Skoda is the highest quality car manufacturer in east Europe, which is probably true, and with Skoda on board, Volkswagen might be able to sweep clean the east European car market. This. however, is unlikely to be the

There will no doubt be a thriving east European market for cars one day, although east Europe is now facing an economic and soon perhaps a political uncertainty, pushing that day ever further away by

But even allowing for a very long-term approach, there is absolutely no evidence that east Europeans will continue to buy east European products. They did in the past be cause there was no choice.

They might not do so once there is a choice. Indeed, the observations in eastern Germany point to that direction. After the introduction of the mark, consumers prefered even "western" milk to "eastern" milk, despite there being no price or quality difference.

They were prepared to pay more for western paperback editions of books while eastern hardback editions of the same books cost only half as much. The simple truth of east European consumer behaviour is that it is highly irrational and biased in favour of estern goods, in favour of Volkswagens and against Skodas or Ladas.

For Czechoslovakia, Volkswagen's decision is good news. It will provide jobs and investment for some time, and the country will benefit from the economic knock-on effects, even if the Skoda brand name is sacrificed one day.

But the question remains whether Volkswagen is not paying too much for what might one day turn out to be nothing more than just another factory making Polos or Golfs.

**WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU** European Business Correspondent

### Disposal of British Sugar does not sweeten Berisford's future

JOHN Sclater, the chairman, is rightly proud of the progress made at Berisford International, the property-to-

commodities group.

For months after he succeeded Ephraim Margulies in March, Berisford teetered on the edge of administration. That risk receded in September, when 68 banks formalised their informal support and agreed a £1.2 billion restructuring of the company's debts. It should have receded still further when the company negotiated the £880 million disposal of British Sugar to Associated British Foods. As a result of the disposal, shareholders' funds, which at the year end had dropped to £93 million, recover to £356.3 million. Net debt falls from £922 million to £247 million.

The net result is that gearing drops from a year-end level of 988 per cent to 69 per cent. So why did Berisford's shares fall 6.5p to 22p, completely ignoring a pro forma balance sheet that says the company has net assets per share of 73p?

Shock is one reason. Shock at the extraordinary scale of the damage done to the company by its diversification into property. In Britain, property write-offs totalled £85.2 million. Taken as part of a £121 million exceptional item, the ed Berisford's pre-tax losses down to £96.1 million. No

dividend is being paid (4.4p). In New York, where Berisford's disaster began, write-downs totalled £192 million and were taken below the line, as part of a £237 million extraordinary item. But the management is now confident it has fully provided for one of the most ill-starred corporate

ventures of recent times. There was also disappointment over the sale price of British Sugar. This seems a little unfair. Given the pres-

ence of Hanson, Tate & Lyle ther into the ale marketwhen and two continental buyers. £880 million, an exit price carnings ratio of ten plus, is

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clearly the best price achievable in the present marker. The biggest problem the sale of British Sugar represents is that it takes away Berisford's reason for being. Without it, Berisford becomes a diverse collection of second-string companies, capable of making who knows what in the cur-

rent year. But with £247 million of debt still to be be repaid, the decision over what to sell and what to keep is of vital importance. Shareholders face a similar dilemma. Almost half the company's equity is now loosely held and it look an unrewarding time to sell.

S&N Breweries IT IS an intriguing thought that one Dutchman in every ten each year visits a Center Parc, one of the covered holiday resorts now fullyowned by Scottish & New-

castle Breweries. But S&N's keenness to focus on the benefits of its leisure side, as it reports halfway pre-tax profits 31 per cent ahead at £114.5 million, only hard decisions it must make in

its core brewing business. The group has an 11 per cent share of the British brewing market but needs to match the 20 per cent-plus controlled by Bass and Courage to remain a major player. The necessary expansion

cannot come from organic growth, even if its ale brands do continue to outpace market trends. Acquisitions of regional brewers would tie the group up in wrangles with the Monopolies and Mergers Commission and take it furthe traffic is all in the opposite

S&N will, if current trends two years before more than baif its sales are of lager. Well ahead of that, the money reckons, it will have lined up a deal with a big continental lager producer.

Best bet at the moment is Carlsberg, presently brewed increase prices. The number under licence by Grand Met- of passengers carried rose 8.4 ropolitan in a deal that will be per cent to 720,000 in a reviewed by the Danes once market which suffered a 12 per Courage takes control of brewing GrandMet's

money in the bank. Operating profits were less than £4 million ahead at £115.1 million, but interest payments costs, and last year the comwere reduced from £26.1 million to £2.6 million by the £645 million sale of Thistle

The group lost £15 million of hotel profits but its leisure between Airtours and the likes side, boosted by six-month of British Airways, which is contributions from Pontin's far more exposed to volatile

For the full year, it should make £220 million pre-tax. to 109p before recovering to The shares, strong performers 143p and climbing another 6p hands on a multiple of 11.4. They look unlikely to progress until the board's intentions become clear.

Airtours

INVESTORS who piled out of September in a knee-jerk response to higher fuel prices had nothing to gloat over when Britain's fourth-largest tour operator reported betterthan-expected profits.

minute package holiday but leisure stocks.

for Airtours, the end of cutthroat discounting means a return to the profit margins acceptable to other industries.

A 21 per cent increase in taxable profits to £6.3 million for the year ended September and a 31 per cent increase in continue, have to wait another earnings to 27.2p a share owed much to a late surge in demand for summer holidays when would-be tourists discovered that the holidays were simply not available.

Demand outstripped supply and Airtours was able to cent contraction in capacity.

As for increased fuel costs that should have resulted from S&N was yesterday featur-ing the benefits of keeping its happened. It is Airtours' norhigher oil prices, these never mal policy to hedge its fuel costs, which normally account for about one-third of total pany saved itself about £1 million by buying fuel at "pre-Gulf" levels.

The stock market took weeks to spot the difference and Center Parcs, doubled oil prices. Airtours shares, profits to £32.4 million. worth 140p before the Iraqis walked into Kuwait, slumped another 10p to go to catch up with the rest of the market and should go even higher.

A total dividend 18 per cent higher at 8.25p a share, after a final 6.75p, completes a confident picture. Airtours has Airtours in August and £26 million in the bank and is well-placed to build upon last year's success. The current year should see profits of £7.5 million, leaving the shares on a prospective multiple of just five and looking cheap for Sun seekers may lament the contrarians prepared to ignore demise of the cheap last- the City's niggardly view of

#### Security **Pacific** profits warning

SECURITY Pacific, the fifth largest American bank, said that profits this year will fall 75 per cent. It also announced that it will disband its merchant bank and more than double its bad loan provisions to \$1 billion.

Security Pacific recently decided to sell 51 per cent of Hoare Govett, its London stockbroking firm, to senior management. The offer is due to go ahead next month.

In a major restructuring of the second largest bank on America's West coast, Robert H Smith, president and chief executive, said the bank expects to sell, reduce or completely withdraw from many European and Australian activities.

In London, Security Pacific is seiling EuroFinance, its European asset finance operation with 350 employees. The business may be sold to a management buyout, unless there is a higher offer. The bank plans to continue developing its corporate finance and interest rates swaps operation in the City.

Security Pacific has said it will maintain an unchanged dividend of 63 cents for the final three months of this year. Against fourth quarter profits. Security Pacific will charge \$200 million to cover costs of closing the merchant bank and \$600 million for additional

These will result in a loss for the fourth quarter of between \$320 million and \$360 million and a reduction of annual profits from last year's \$741 million to between \$160 million and \$200 million.

PHILIP ROBINSON

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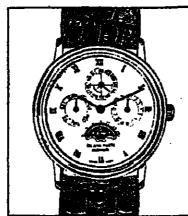
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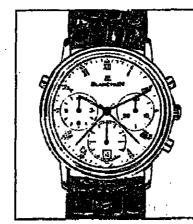
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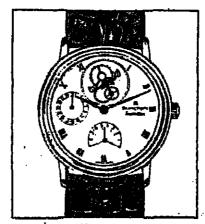
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## **BUSINESS LETTERS**

### Wealth creators need rewards Unit trust

From Mr Adrian Beecroft Sir. In a recent article, you successful. With income and redemptions mentioned the progressive capital gains tax rates now easing of taxation of capital vears, the Business Expansion joining a small company. Yet concerning the liquidity of Scheme (BES) and personal such managers are vital to the proposed property unit trusts equity plans have indeed re- success of the small business duced the capital gains tax sector. The health of this (CGT) burden for passive investors. However, for the entrepreneurs who create the capital gains, the Thatcher years have seen a sharp in-crease in CGT rates from 30 per cent to 40 per cent. Indeed, one frequently finds in the sale of an unquoted company that the only shareholder paying CGT is the man who created the gains, while passive BES investors and pension fund or venture capital investors pay no CGT at ail.

In the past, with high income tax rates and relatively lower CGT rates, successful managers were prepared to leave the relative comfort and security of a large company to undertalie the stresses and uncertainty of starting or joining a small, growing business. They exchanged high salaries and benefits for low salaries and the nope of a substantial

equal, far fewer managers are willing to take the risk of sector is acknowledged by most governments as being vitally important to the economy as a whole. Indeed, a survey carried out by Arthur Andersen for the British Venture Capital Association showed that in France, Germany, Holland and Italy, entrepreneurs and managers who make a capital gain on the shares of the company they manage generally pay no CGT

Hopefully, John Major will correct the absurd position that has arisen over the last 11 years and change the CGT regime in a way that rewards the people who create wealth. Yours sincerely, ADRIAN BEECROFT. Chairman

British Venture Capital Association, Taxation Committee, 3 Catherine Place, SW1

#### Keep central bank power under control

From Mr R.E.G. Simmerson might be inflicted upon the Sir, Certain bankers are pressing the proposal that the Bank bankers who are not subject to of England should be made removal and replacement by independent of the govern- the normal political processes. ment and yet should retain its monopoly power to issue paper money.

Such an arrangement would put immense power into the hands of the Bank of England, being the power to affect interest rates and thereby create economic booms and slumps at its own descretion. Just imagine what fortunes

might be amassed by persons with inside knowledge and just imagine what hardships 36 Wilton Avenue, W4.

rest of us by a small group of No, let this immense power

continue to be wielded by politicians who we can kick out every four or five years if we are not satisfied with them. The situation would be even worse if there were just one central bank for the whole of the EC, as such a bank would be even more remote and even less sensitive to our wishes. Yours faithfully,

R.E.G SIMMERSON,

#### Government should go to end of queue From Mr J. M. Page available only runs the risk of

Sir. As the managing director further liquidations, resulting of a small manufacturing com- in loss of revenue from pany, I would like an explana- corporation tax and increased tion as to why the government outgoings from unemployshould be treated as a ment and redundancy paypreferential creditor in liqui- ments. dation cases.

Although we are lucky enough not to have suffered from a drop of sales, this recession has caused us problems with slow payment and Surely the government hav-

ing first pickings of any funds Ferrier Street, SW18.

#### On to a winner

From Mr K. F. Wortelhock Sir, Recently I was the victim of a daylight break-in des- Yours faithfully, cribed by the police as "selective". Selective it certainly K. F. WORTELHOCK, was; they took all the hall- The Herries, marked silver and fine jewel- Chipping Warden, lery eschewing the plate and Banbury,

intrinsic value were my three Chairman, they know something?

Page Lacquer Company,

I am convinced it can only

be a long-term benefit to the

government to go to the end of

the queue rather than push in

front like a playground bully.

J. M. PAGE,

Unit 3,

From Mr Michael J. Boggis Sir, There is a solution to the

as follows: ☐ When applying to buy units, unitholders should be required to nominate their chosen date(s) for redemption (which could be phased), but

in not less than five years. Managers should thus have predictable cashflow targets to work to, but they should in turn guarantee redemptions.

☐ Unitholders may nevertheless request redemptions by the managers at any other date which shall be automatically accepted if there is an inflow of funds into the trust. If. however, there is an outflow an independent actuary shall decide whether the redemption can be accepted immediately without prejudicing remaining unitholders' investment performance prospects. If not, the unitholder may opt to join a first come, first

tions. ☐ The units shall be quoted or there shall be a matched bargain market, and thus the unitholder may, as an alternative, still effect a sale without major delay.

Unit linked property funds

served, queue for redemp-

are not new - there is a multibillion pound unit linked property funds sector managed by insurance companies which has been around for over 20 years. The advantage to the consumer of investing in a property unit trust will be the inherently higher and more secure income provided by investment property. Distributed income from property unit trusts is likely to be at least 50 per cent higher than from equities and thus property unit trusts will plug the very large gap between the relatively low initial yields but high capital growth of equities on the one hand and the high yields but no capital growth of cash deposit accounts or gilt funds on the other. Whilst the foregoing proposals for redemptions are more regulated than normal unit trust prac-

tice, the proposals preserve the right to redeem or sell and, equally importantly, remain-ing unitholders' interests are better protected. Like M&G, I believe the regulators should think again. However, I do believe there is a viable solution.

Yours sincerely, The only items taken of no MICHAEL J. BOGGIS. Times Portfolio cards - did Investment Surveyors Forum,

#### STOCK MARKET

# Energy drains from market on eve of power trading

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been treated sceptically in the

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producer, fell 16p to 653p in

group with which it has a joint

venture company, had filed

for protection from creditors

Analysts said the impact on

RMC was minimal and the

The water companies were

cheered by events in electric-

ity and hopes that some of the

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over. Strong gains were re-corded in Anglian, 9p to 288p,

Northumbrian, 7p to 279p, North West, 6p to 278p,

Southern, 6p to 248p, South

West, 5p to 271p, Thames, 4p

to 266p. Welsh, 6p to 285p.

Wessex, 3p to 260p, York-

August

THE attention of most fund managers was absorbed by today's start of trading in electricity shares and the rewards they were likely to

Elsewhere, little stirred as the three-week trading account, the second in a row, got off to a subdued start. This was reflected in the FT-SE 100 index, which saw an early lead of almost 10 points whittled away by a large number of ex-dividends and lack of support. It finished 0.9 of a point lower at 2,182.5. Turnover was also low at 317 million shares. The FT index of 30 shares ended 2.3 lower at 1,721.5.

The substantial scaling down of applications means there are unlikely to be many sellers when dealings start at 2.30 pm. With institutions attempting to increase their still owns a near-15 per cent weighting in the sector, prices are likely to be soucezed higher. Grey market prices rose strongly, some recording a premium of almost 50 per cent on the partly paid offer price of 100p. Northern touched 149p, as did LEB, while South

Wales reached 148p. Some dealers fear that when the euphoria surrounding the privatisation settles down, investors will again be reminded of recession. There was further evidence of that yesterday, with the latest retail sales showing another slide.

The pound's latest bout of nervousness saw government securities replace early gains of almost £1/2 with falls of £1/4. Midland Bank attracted a burst of revived speculative support after weekend reports that merger talks with the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank

had broken down, leaving the way open for someone else to make a move. The shares ended the session unchanged at 205p. Claims that Midland MAJOR CHANCES

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#### WORLD MARKETS

#### Follow-through selling forces Dow lower

BLUE chip issues were under 23,784.67, after gaining pressure but had risen from 969.39 on Friday. trading. Traders said early Seng index eased 14.56 points selling was a follow-through to 3,149.13. from Friday's weakness.

average was 7.43 points lower 17.98 points to 1,179.87. at 2,582.67, after 2,575. Declining shares outpaced advancing issues by about two

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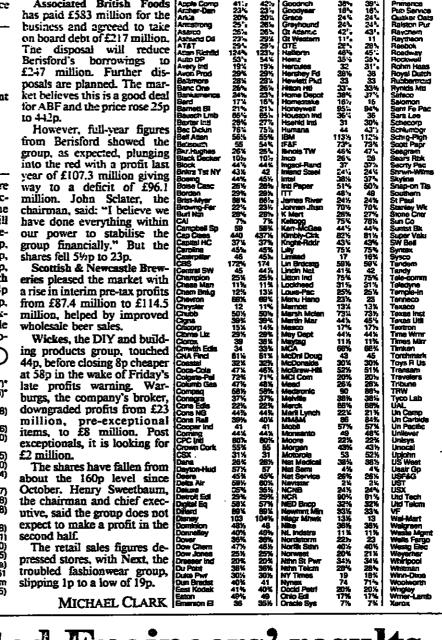
advanced 262.18 points to opening lows in modest early • Hong Kong - The Hang

• Singapore - The Straits The Dow Jones industrial Times industrial index fell Sydney — The All-Ordinaries index fell 6.1 points to

1,329.6. ● Frankfart - The Dax index ● Tokyo - The Nikkei index fell 8.04 to 1,504.80. (Reuter)

#### **WALL STREET**

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|    | то £2,700.                                   |          | ATT HOUSE              | 51<br>73%        | 73%            | Fet Union<br>Gennett | 35%              | 36            | Prilips Pet<br>Prilips Elec | 25:             | 25<br>17           |
|    |  | -I .L-   | Am Medical             | 5%               | 55             | Gen Chans            | 19'-             | 19%           | PNO Moms                    | 50              | 40/                |
|    | Berislord Internations                       |          | Am Stores              | 54%              | 64%            | Gen Elec             | 57               | 67            | Prios Docoe                 | 54              | 49.<br>54          |
|    | international food grou                      | n and    | Amer                   | 204              | 21             | Gen Mills            | 48               | 47            | Planey Bow                  | 37              | 38                 |
|    | commodity broker, has                        |          | Amer Hees              | 48%              | 47%            | Gen Motors           | 36'5             | 36            | Pier Doma                   | 14'             | 14                 |
|    | Commounty proker, nas                        | шшу      | Ameritach              | 68%              | 67%            | Gen RE               | 87%              | 89            | PNC Fnci                    | 23:             | 23                 |
|    | agreed to dispose of its I                   | British. | AFREX                  | 22               | 21'1           | Gen Sicnel           | 344              | 33'.          | Printile Estin              | 11              | 11%                |
|    |  |          | Amoco                  | 50%              | 50%            | Genentech            | 6/8              | nya           | Potaroid                    | 23              | 23                 |
|    | Sugar subsidiary in a                        | CCST     | AMP                    | 44               | 44%            | Genume Pts           | 37 7             | 37            | PPG ines                    | 443.            | 43%<br>85<br>38%   |
|    | worth £880 million.                          |          | AMR _                  | 51%              | 52             | Georgia-Pac          | 37               | 37'1          | Prote Gratile               | 85%             | 85                 |
|    |  | <b>~</b> | Anheuser-B             | 42%              | 42%            | Gelette              | .63              | <b>60</b>     | Price                       | 38'2            | 38*                |
|    | Associated British                           | 1 00015  | Apple Comp             | 41:              | 42>            | Goodneh              | 38%              | 39            | Primence                    | 23'             | 24                 |
|    | has paid £583 million for                    | or the   | Archer-Den<br>Arkie    | 23%              | 20'z           | Groceyear            | 18%<br>24%       | 16%<br>24%    | Puro Service                | 26'-            | 25:1               |
|    |  |          | Artestrong             | 20%<br>25'i      | 26%            | Gravhound            | 247              | 24            | Quaker Oats<br>Raiston Pur  | 50°             | 61 .<br>183        |
|    | business and agreeed to                      | ) take   | Assuce                 |                  | 26%            | Gt Atlantic          | 42               | 43            | Raychem                     | 20.             | 21 .               |
|    | on board debt of £217 m                      | illion   | Ashrand Of             | 26 ··<br>23 ··   | 29%            | Gt Western           | 117              | 711           | Reviteen                    | 65              | 66                 |
|    |  |          | ATAT                   | 294              | 29'            | CITE                 | 20               | 28 .          | Restok                      | 11%             | 1114               |
|    | The disposal will r                          | rduce    | Acan Richild           | 124              | 123%           | Haliona              | 481              | 45            | Roedway                     | 36              | 361                |
|    | Berisford's borrowing                        | s to     | Auto DP                | 53               | 54%            | Hemz                 | 35               | 35            | Hockwell                    | 26              | 26                 |
|    |  |          | Avery inti             | 194              | 19%            | Hercules             | 32               | 31'.          | Rohm Haas                   | 35              | 34                 |
|    | £247 million. Further                        | · dis-   | Avon Prod              | 29%              | 29%            | Hershey Fd           | 38%              | 38            | Royal Dutch                 | 77              | 34<br>77           |
|    | posals are planned. The                      | -        | Ba-timore              | 28%              | 284            | Hewlett Put          | 33               | 33            | Rusbernaus                  | 417             | 41                 |
|    |  |          | Banc One               | 26%              | 26%            | HINDO HE             | 33'-             | 33%           | Flynids Mt                  | 54%             | 53%                |
|    | hat believes this is a con-                  | d deal   | Sankamenra             | 24%              | 235            | Home Devot           | 184              | 37%           | Samo                        | 37%             | 33                 |



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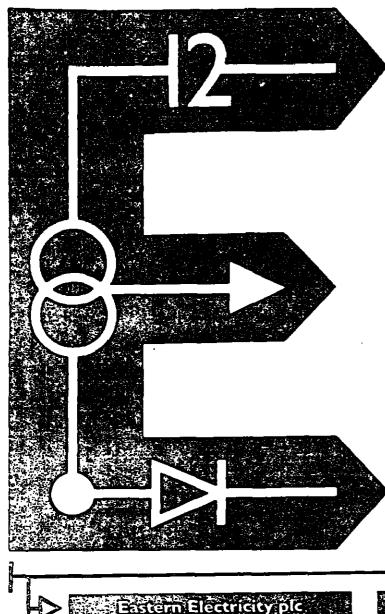
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# THE 12 REGIONAL ELECTRICITY COMPANIES SHARE OFFERS ALLOCATION ANNOUNCEMENT

# Offers for Sale

Kleinwort Benson Limited on behalf of The Secretary of State for Energy

Each of the Offers for Sale has been over-subscribed and the maximum number of shares has been recalled from the Overseas Offers and from institutional investors.

Valid applications will be met as set out in the following tables. See note 1 below.

#### DEALINGS

Dealings are expected to commence in London at 2.30p.m. on Tuesday, 11th December 1990. The combination of the unprecedented number of applications and the bad weather means that the posting of some interim certificates may be delayed. Every effort will be made to post documents before Christmas. Applicants who wish to sell before they have received an Interim certificate will only be able to do so if they make arrangements to deal on this basis. Applicants who deal before receipt of an interim certificate will do so at the risk of selling shares for which they have not received an allocation.

| Shares applied for | Shares allocate      | ed to      |
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|                    | customers            | other      |
|                    | receiving preference | applicants |
| 100                | 100                  | 100        |
| 200                | 100                  | 100        |
| 300                | 100                  | 100        |
| 400                | 100                  | 100        |
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| 600                | 100                  | Nil        |
| 700                | 100                  | Nil        |
| 800                | 100                  | Nil        |
| 900                | 150                  | Nil        |
| 1,000              | 150                  | Nil        |
| 1,500              | 150                  | Nil        |
| 2,000              | 200                  | Nil        |
| 2,500              | 300                  | Nil        |
| 3,000 and above    | Nil                  | Nil        |

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| 300                | 100                  | Nil       |  |
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| 500                | 100                  | Nil       |  |
| 600                | 150                  | Nil       |  |
| 700                | 150                  | · Nil     |  |
| 800                | 150                  | Nil       |  |
| 900                | 200                  | Nil       |  |
| 1,000              | 200                  | Nii       |  |
| 1,500              | 250                  | Nii       |  |
| 2,000              | 250                  | Nil       |  |
| 2,500              | 300 .                | Nil       |  |
| 3,000              | 300                  | Nil       |  |
| 4,000              | 400                  | Nil       |  |
| 5,000              | 500                  | Nii       |  |
| 10,000 and above   | Nil                  | Nil       |  |

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| 200                | 100                  | 100       |  |  |
| 300                | 100                  | Nil       |  |  |
| 400                | 100                  | Nil       |  |  |
| . 500              | 100                  | Nil       |  |  |
| 600                | 100                  | Nil       |  |  |
| 700                | 150                  | Nil       |  |  |
| 800                | 150                  | Nil       |  |  |
| 900                | 150                  | Nil       |  |  |
| 1,000              | 150                  | Nil       |  |  |
| 1,500              | 200                  | Nil       |  |  |
| 2,000              | 200                  | Nil -     |  |  |
| 2,500              | 250                  | Nit       |  |  |
| 3,000 and above    | Nil                  | Nil       |  |  |

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| 100                | 100                  | 100        |  |
| 200                | 100                  | Nil        |  |
| 300                | 100                  | Nil        |  |
| 400                | 150                  | Nii        |  |
| 500                | 150                  | Nii        |  |
| 600                | 200                  | Nil        |  |
| 700                | 200                  | Nii        |  |
| 800                | 200                  | Nil        |  |
| 900                | 250                  | Nii        |  |
| 1,000              | 300                  | Nil        |  |
| 1,500              | 300                  | Nil        |  |
| 2,000              | 400                  | Nii        |  |
| 2,500              | 400                  | Nil        |  |
| 3,000              | 500                  | Nil        |  |
| 4,000              | 500                  | Nii        |  |
| 5,000              | 500                  | Nil        |  |
| 10,000 and above   | Nil I                | Nil        |  |

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| 600             | 100                  | 100        |  |  |
| 700             | 150                  | 100        |  |  |
| 800             | 150                  | Nīl        |  |  |
| 900             | 150                  | Nil        |  |  |
| 1,000           | 150                  | Nil        |  |  |
| 1,500           | 200                  | Nil        |  |  |
| 2,000           | 200                  | Nil        |  |  |
| 2.500           | 250                  | Nil        |  |  |
| 3,000 and above | Nil                  | Nil        |  |  |

| Shares applied for | Shares allocate      | ed to     |
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|                    | receiving preference | applicant |
| 100                | 100                  | 100       |
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| 300                | 100                  | 100       |
| 400                | 100                  | 100       |
| 500                | 100                  | Nil       |
| 600                | 100                  | Nii       |
| 700                | 150                  | Nil       |
| 800                | 200                  | Nil       |
| 900                | 200                  | Nil       |
| 1,000              | 200                  | Nil       |
| 1,500              | 200                  | Nil       |
| 2,000              | 250                  | Nil       |
| 2,500              | 250                  | Nil       |
| 3,000              | 300                  | Nil       |
| 4,000              | 400                  | Nii       |
| 5,000              | 500                  | Nil       |
| 10,000 and above   | Nil                  | · Nii     |

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|                    | customers<br>receiving preference | other<br>applicant |
| 100                | 100                               | 90                 |
| 200                | · 100                             | Nil                |
| 300                | 100 -                             | Nil                |
| 400 .              | 100                               | NI                 |
| . 500              | 100                               | Nil                |
| 600                | 100                               | Na                 |
| 700                | 100                               | Nil                |
| 800                | 100                               | Nil                |
| 900                | 100                               | Nii                |
| 1,000              | 100                               | Nil                |
| 1,500 and above    | Nil                               | Nil                |

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| Shares applied for | Shares allocated to  |            |  |  |  |
|                    | customers            | other      |  |  |  |
|                    | receiving preference | applicants |  |  |  |
| 100                | 100                  | 100        |  |  |  |
| 200                | 100                  | Nil        |  |  |  |
| 300                | 100                  | Nii        |  |  |  |
| 400                | 100                  | Nit        |  |  |  |
| 500                | 100                  | Nil        |  |  |  |
| 600                | 100                  | Nil        |  |  |  |
| 700                | 150                  | Nil        |  |  |  |
| 800                | 150                  | Nit        |  |  |  |
| 900                | 150                  | Ni         |  |  |  |
| .1,000             | !50                  | Nii        |  |  |  |
| 1,500              | 200                  | Na         |  |  |  |
| 2,000              | 250                  | Ni         |  |  |  |
| 2,500              | 300                  | Nil        |  |  |  |
| 3,000              | 400                  | Nil        |  |  |  |
| 4,000              | 400                  | Nil        |  |  |  |
| 5,000              | 500                  | Nil        |  |  |  |
| 10,000 and above   | Nii                  | Nii -      |  |  |  |

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| 1,500              | 150                  | Nii       |
| 2,000              | 200                  | Nil       |
| 2,500              | 250                  | Nil       |
| 3,000              | 300                  | Nil       |
| 4,000 and above    | Nil                  | Nii       |

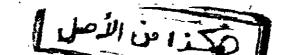
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| 500                | 200                  | Nil        |
| 600                | 250                  | Nil        |
| 700                | 250                  | Nil        |
| 800                | 250                  | Nii        |
| 900                | 300                  | Nii        |
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| 1,500              | 300                  | Nil        |
| 2,000              | 300                  | Nil        |
| 2,500              | 400                  | Nii        |
| 3,000              | 400                  | Nil        |
| 4,000              | 400                  | Nil        |
| 5,000              | 500                  | Nil        |
| 10,000 and above   | Nil                  | Nii        |

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| 800                | 150                  | 100        |
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| 1,000              | 150                  | 100        |
| 1,500              | 200                  | 150        |
| 2,000              | 200                  | Nii        |
| 2,500              | 250                  | Nii        |
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| 4,000              | 400°                 | Na<br>Na   |
| 5,000              | 500                  |            |
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|                    | I NII J              | Nil        |

Note 1: Allocations have been made in full in respect of valid applications by eligible employees and pensioners of the Regional Electricity Companies. The National Grid Company pic and Electricity Association Services Limited under the Free and Matching Offers and up to the applicable priority limits under the Discount and Priority and Pensioner Priority Offers, subject to a maximum allocation of 5,400 shares in respect of South Western Electricity pic. Customers receiving preference are eligible customers for whose benefit a valid application was made for electricity vouchers or the customer share bonus together with, in either case, customer preference. The Secretary of State has authorised voucher entidements of L27 and L45 in respect of eligible customers who chose vouchers and who have been allocated 150 and 250 shares respectively References to applications are to applications which have not been rejected. All allocations are subject to the terms and conditions set out in the Prospectus dated 21st November, 1990 and in the Mini Prospectus.

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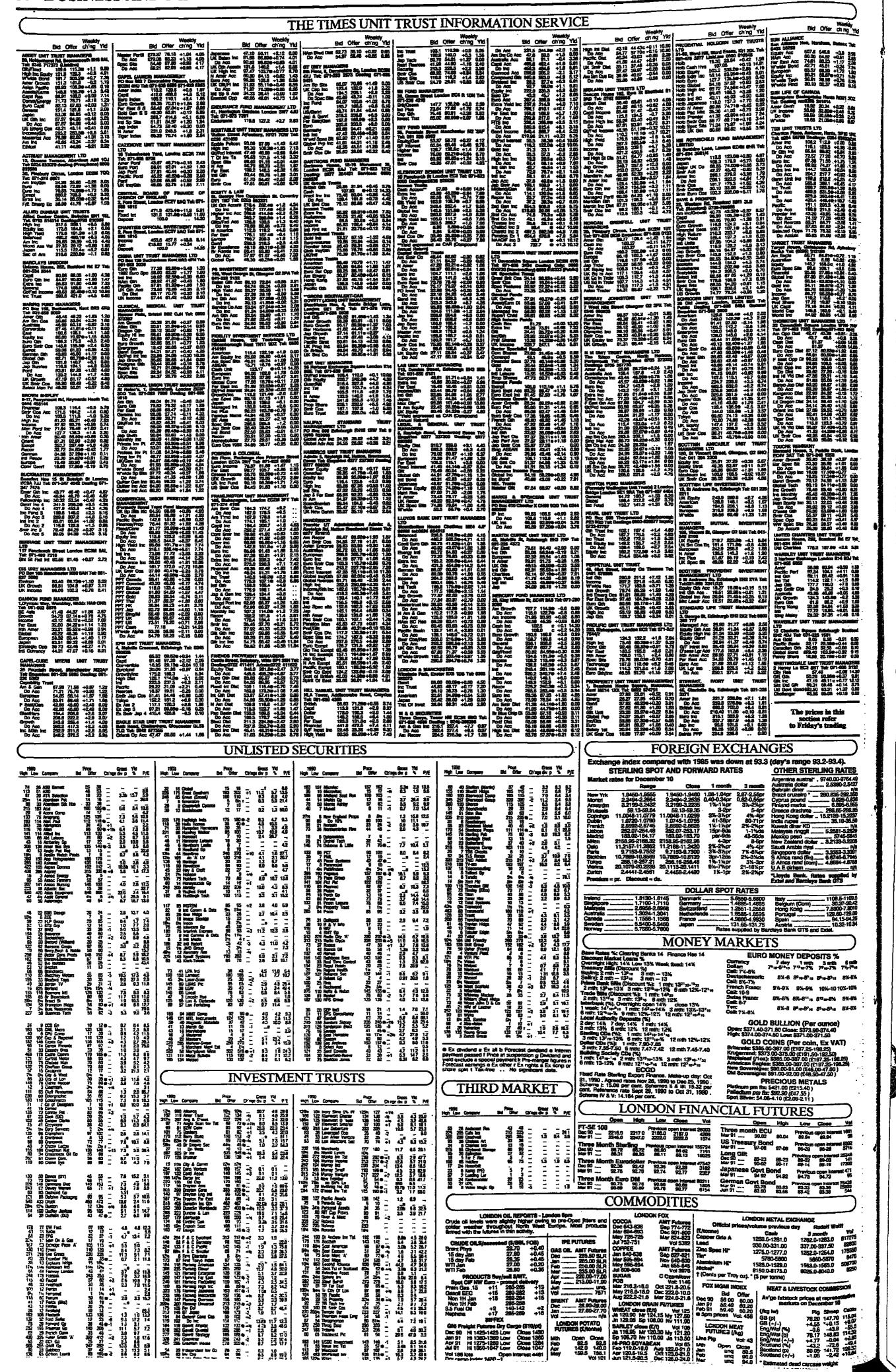
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# Making the most of world assets

Custodians are investing multi-millions to corner a share of the market for handling clients' gobal funds, Neil Bennett writes

fter decades in the obscurity of the back office, global custody has come of age. The process of safekeeping clients overseas shareholdings, processing dividends and reclaiming tax pay-ments was once viewed by banks as a tiresome necessity to attract more exciting and more profitable

Today, global custody has become an important profit centre in its own right. Banks around the world are investing tens of millions of pounds to try to corner a share of that market.

Global custody is the mastery of the mundane. It is practically, and often legally, impossible for investing institutions to hold shares directly in foreign markets. The intricacies of Italian taxation, Portuguese stock settlement or Thai exchange controls make it necessary for an institution to farm out the administration of its portfolio to a third party; a custodian bank.

The custodian's role is straightforward but littered with pitfalls. When the institution buys shares in a company, it must ensure the stock is paid for in local currency and delivered. After that, it must collect regular dividends, reclaim any tax payments and convert them to the investor's original currency. A single mistake can not only cost thousands but lose clients. Settlements and foreign exchange can be delayed for months, while rates grow less favourable. Dividend payments and tax reclamations can go astray. The failure to notice a stock split or a rights issue could lead to the disenfranchisement of an institution's shares.

Banks operate their global network through a chain of so-called sub-agents in each domestic market. These are banks themselves, and are normally chosen either because they are a branch of the main custodian or a leading participant in the local market. Today, most large custodians have agents or branches in more than 30 countries. The process was

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Originally known as international stock settlement and administration, and while international fund movement remained a fraction of domestic investment, it was typically a loss-making offshoot of

mainstream custodian activities. The introduction of the Emplayee Retirement Income Security Act legislation in the United States in 1974 provided a catalyst for growth. This demanded the mandatory appointment of a third-party custodian to safeguard pension-fund holdings.

Chase Manhattan understood the implications of this, coupled with the growing demand for over-seas investment. It rebranded its settlement and administration business as global custody, and started to market the operation aggressively.
Today, Chase may have been

forced to cut its dividend and start a world-wide redundancy programme after suffering property losses in America, but it is still the undisputed leader in global custody with an estimated \$112 billion under management. It has kept its lead with a \$95 million technology investment and relentless innovation.

The desperate search for profits in the overcrowded global banking industry has, however, forced many of Chase's rivals to notice the potential of global custody. In America, both Cinbank and State Street now have managed assets of more than \$60 billion, while Barclays and Midland in Britain have succeeded in winning business after a slow start.

ndustry watchers find it difficult to chart the extent of the custody industry because any figures released by banks contain some double-counting. Ail banks use a network of sub-agents to manage their clients' portfolios in overseas markets, so the same holding can be included in two companies' totals.

A recent survey by Equity International estimated that custodians now administer assets worth up to \$800 billion. The



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potential is just as great. The proportion of overseas holdings in American institutional pensions is still minimal compared to European funds, and custodians confidently predict that cross-border investment will continue to multiply in the next ten years.

For some banks, the growth has become necessary to justify their high investment in people and equipment. The number of entrants into global custody is remarkable considering the barriers. One custodian estimated that a bank would need to invest \$25 million to build a custody network from scratch, and could not begin to offer a service until it was represented in 18 countries.

Alan Trager, president of Mor-gan Stanley's global custody ser-vices, estimates that a bank now needs to manage funds of between \$10 and \$15 billion to be

Each new entrant has put another turn on the competitive screw. In the past three years, global custody has been transformed into a buyers' market, and fund managers now complain about the barrage of marketing with which they must cope. "I get these guys wearing my carpet out," says Roy Bell, the securities administration manager of Postel, the Post Office pension fund. The industry has now even spawned its

own glossy magazine, Global Custodian.

The competition has reduced and simplified prices and improved services. "Fees have de-clined by 50 per cent since 1988," says Mr Trager, "from between 15 and 20 basis points to between 8 and 12 points today. Chents have also been offered more functions for their portfolio."

ricing has become sim-pler. Originally custodians would charge a complex fee, based on the size of the fund, the countries it was held in and the frequency of transactions. They would also pass on sub-agent fees, which would all fall on separate dates and leave the institution with a trail of paperwork. Under pressure, this has evolved in most cases to a single quarterly charge. Barclays is offering each chient a flat global tariff, tailored to the client's own fund.

Service improvements have included a rapid advance in technology. The days when custodians communicated by fax and telex are ending. The modern fund manager demands a direct link into his or her company's mannframe or personal computer. This can inform him of dividends or corporate actions, such as stock splitting or rights issues, immediately. It also gives him round-the-

clock access to his portfolio and valuations. Settlement reliability has also vastly improved in most countries. In 1986, the settlement crisis in Italy had grown so bad that the authorities cancelled the official settlement day three times. As many as a quarter of bargains were going astray. Today, most custodians have total reconcil-

ianon in their Italian holdings. Most custodians also now offer contractual settlement guarantees. These guarantee the customer that a share bargain will be settled on a given day. If the trade fails, the custodian has to sort it out and suffer the loss. Previously, the institution was forced to pay the penalties of the custodian's mistakes. Some custodians are now extending the same guarantees to dividend payments.

Despite the predictions of continued growth, custodians agree that the competition will remain fierce. All are looking for the edge. The banks also agree there will be losers.

Faced with falling profits or losses, most western banks are looking for cuts. Some continental banks have already closed their London-based custody operations, and the next two years may see significantly larger casualties as banks realise that the returns do not, and never will,

# Information the key to profits

The number of banks offering the service in the past three years has almost doubled

f a bank ever thought global money, the events of the past four years have shattered its of London, and future prospects illusions. The banks have been are dependent on the continued confronted with a near-collapse in expansion in cross-border instockmarket systems, a stampede vestment. If the growth continues of new competitors and a sub- in double digits this decade, there sequent slump in fees (Neil Bennett writes). All this has taken place against a background of continued heavy investment in technology and skilled staff.

Considering the barriers to service in the past three years has almost doubled to more than 50. Most people in the industry now the head of Citicorp's investor services, says: "Custody customers are looking for a real there has to be some shakeout."

ager of European custody services, accounting period and pre-matchagrees. "It is," he

says, "going to require some careful management to ensure you have a successful business." A quick calculation of a large custodian shows how little room for manoeuvie even the largest has. Citicorp, with \$70 billion (£36

Doug Reeve: warning billion) in cross-border funds them the London Stock Exchange under management, is the thirdbiggest global custodian in the The world's stockmarkets' proworld, bettered only by Chase Manhattan and Bank of Tokyo. Profit figures for most global custodians are concealed within the results for the entire bank. But

on the broad assumption that it charges clients an average of 0.1 per cent of fees, it generates revenue of \$70 million a year. Out of this, it has to pay 1,700 employees, a bill of perhaps \$50

million. Half of the remaining revenue might go to support fixed costs. The final \$10 million and more would be quickly consumed in technology investment Chase Manhattan boasts that it has invested \$95 million in its systems. Admittedly, Cittcorp's staff are also engaged in domestic custody, and so the bank will still be seeing healthy returns from custody. The same cannot be said for small custodians, which have assets of \$10 billion or less.

The size of an impending custody was a licence to print shakeout is still unclear. Some continental banks have pulled out will be ample room in the market for all the constituents. If it slows, there will be casualties.

Developments within the global custody industry also suggest that the largest players will be the longentering the global custody mar- term winners. The first factor is ket, it is surprising that the the continuing advances in world number of banks offering the settlement systems. Eight recommendations by the Group of 30, a banks set up to improve these expect to see failures. John Morris, systems, were prompted by the recognition that the bull market of 1986-7 had caused a near-collapse in many market systems. The commitment. Investors recognise proposals included the introduction of paperless settlement, the Doug Reeve, the bank's man-shift to a rolling three-day

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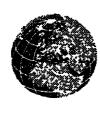
> The proposals have had widereaching effects. Many markets now operate paperand others have plans under way for their introduction, among

with its proposed Taurus system. gress will be examined in the G30's progress report due later this month. The advent of paperless systems and rapid settlement is, however, forcing custodians to invest even further in systems. The days when a bank could admit to a client that one in four of his or her Italian bargains had failed, but it would muddle through somehow, are vanishing. Now that failure rates have fallen below I per cent in most markets. investors have come to expect near-perfect service, and they want more Partly they want better technology, with round the clock access to their portfolios by a main computer link-up. But information is the key to success.

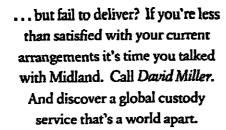
Mr Morris sees custodians acting as pathfinders in new markets. "We are in 40 markets today," he says, "but that could rise to 60 or 70 in a couple of years."

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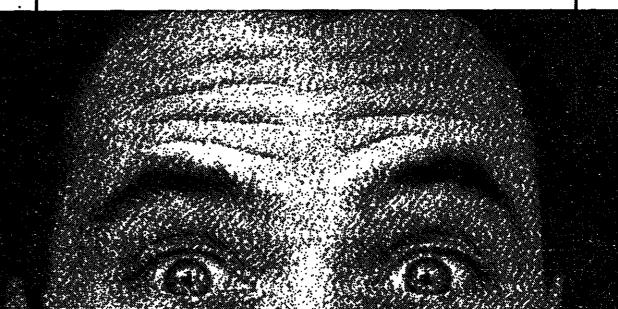


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# A boost for Britain's invisible earnings

n the right hands, stock lending is profitable for global custodians and their clients. The clients gain from extra interest returns on otherwise idle assets, and the custodians benefit from a share of the profits as payment for indemnifying clients against market and broker

The market is composed, on the demand side, of securities houses, which act as market-makers and borrow stock when they need to cover short trading positions. Borrowers deposit non-cash collateral (usually certificates of deposit) to cover the period of the loan, for which they pay the lender a fee. The supply side is repre-sented by custodian banks acting as intermediaries on behalf of their lending clients, typically institutional investors such as pension funds or insurance

Recent years have seen an upsurge in demand for stock borrowing, fuelled by strong growth in the market for derivative products such as warrants, index futures and convertible bonds. Simon Luhr, the vicepresident of Morgan Stanley, the international securities house, says: "We have always wanted to borrow securities, but had problems doing so because of lack of supply of loanable securities. What has changed is that global custodians have released nent-un liquidity by mobilising the invest-

Stock lending is big business. In a leading centre such as London, transactions average £12 billion a day. David Rudnick reports

ment resources of a pool of smaller clients who by themselves would

be unable to act as lenders."

Stock lending is big business,
even in today's low-turnover market. In London, a leading world
centre an average \$12 billion a centre, an average £12 billion a day is estimated to be lent, about £5 billion of it on international transactions, which boost Brit-

ain's invisible earnings.

Stock lending is regulated by the Bank of England which, in the words of John Gubert, the head of markets development at Midland Bank, "has a vested interest in it, in as much as it advances the central bank's objective of im-

proving market liquidity."

The bank chairs the stock borrowing and lending committee (SBLC), a body of borrowers, lenders and money brokers set up by the International Stock Exchange to examine ways to reform the somewhat restrictive regulations governing international

stock lending.

The SBLC is under pressure to resolve legal doubts about the security of stock lending, which suddenly surfaced last month, causing a momentary stock market panic on November 19. The crisis, says Mr Luhr, "came out of the woodwork" with the discovery a few weeks before of a loophole which created uncertainty over whether stock lenders have a secure legal claim on the collateral

put up by borrowers, should they default or go insolvent. The issue is a technical one, but it alarmed some investment institutions into beating a hasty, if temporary, retreat from the stock lending market, while jittery market makers frantically bought up stock as a protective hedge. The SBIC bastily restored order, urg-ing financial institutions to go on lending until the issue is clarified.

Of longer-term importance is the vexed question raised by legislation passed last year, defin-ing all securities held by United Kingdom institutions as UK securities for tax purposes, thus re-stricting their leading to author-ised British money brokers.

This anomaly, Mr Luhr says, is a key factor inhibiting the expansion of stock lending. It has effectively kept out of the market the huge portfolio of foreign securities held by UK institutions, excluding them from the overseas stock crative fees and much higher turnsolution is near, extending UK lenders' right to lend, which should be operative by the end of the year.

Practitioners are nevertheless disappointed at the time it is taking," he says. "But everyone agrees that the beneficiaries of their legislation are competitors based outside the UK."

Though less attended by controversy, foreign exchange manasement is another expanding service for custodians.

Jeffrey Ruzicka, who heads European institutional investment services for the Bostonbased State Street Bank, says clients show increasing willingness. to separate investment decisions from foreign exchange consid-

"An individual may wish to buy Siemens stock, but think the Deutschmark has run its course on the upside. We are developing a product that enables a client to invest in foreign stocks without in-

curring currency risk."

Mr Ruzicka sees increasing profitability in foreign exchange and cash management, but it will be an increasingly scale-related activity, open only to big players. There is, meanwhile, growing client demand for custodians to develop sophisticated hedging instruments using currency options.

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Simon Lahr, the vice-president of Morgan Stanley: Global custodians have released pent-up liquidity.

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# Safe trading without tricks

Special products and high technology may impress some clients, but good settlement procedures are still vital

the business, says Colin percentage of the total allo-Grimsey of Chase Manhattan cation." Bank, which is the leading custodian, remains settlement and asset safe-keeping.

The recent enormous expansion of international investment and assets has demanding task. strained the capacity of many growth markets to provide may include: who exactly is efficient settlement proce the beneficial asset owner - dures (David Rudnick writes). the company or underlying Trading volume has often shareholders? Is it domestic or advanced beyond their ability offshore money? Might the to cope with the growing client have tax-exempt status? tling their clients' trades is the custodians' most basic, bread

and butter job. Clients are more interested nological tricks and expensive sophisticated products that oped in a competitive effort to differentiate their products from those of their rivals.

Custodian banks like a challenge. David Miller, the head of client relations of Bank Securities, says: "Safe-keeping is straightforward. Reporting is what separates the men from the boys. Most

custodians confine their reporting to two currencies: the base, resident currency and the native, locally invested cur-But rency. multi-currency reporting is more complex, involving levels of refinement of computer design which only the most modern system can offer." So small-scale custodians

'Safe-keeping is straightforward. should beware. Reporting is The collection and de-livery of cliwhat separates the men from ents' dividends the boys'

has become a standard Morris, of Citi-

improved, but "clients are bewanting their dividends posted to their account as near as possible to the income pay. ment. The cash-flow impact on a large investor client can amount to half a million pounds a day.'

A number of custodian banks offer a facility introduced by Chase, called contractual income policy. CIP automatically credits a client within a set period, usually a couple of days, after dividend payment fells due. So even if a sub-custodian delays transfer of income to the custodian, the client is

credited promptly.

When several of a custodian's clients hold shares in the same company, the common practice when dividends are due is to credit the cash to an omnibus account run by the custodian bank, then distribute it to the multitude of

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Sell their services on mies of scale where, for examisuch as stock lending and perhaps foreign-exchange the size of each individual management. But the core of portfolio may be small as a

After a dividend has been paid, the custodian may need to initiate a tax reclaim for the client. Looking after a client's tax requirements can be a

volved? becoming an exponential is-sue," Mr Miller says. "And the world is dynamic. Tax regimes

How often a tax reclaim has to be made for a client will depend partly on his or her preference and partly on his osure to a particular marportion of his assets at stake, he will normally want a more frequent reclamation service than if he has invested only a few lines of stock. Mr Morris says: "It is a function of the

size of a client's portfolio. For stitution, it may be as frequent as two weeks, for small portfolios quarterly intervals may suffice."
The dividend rate is another factor. In Japan, Mr Morris says, divi-dend rates tend to be low. and so tax-reclamation activity is low. Iq United States has higher div-

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idend rates, the United Kingdom higher Tax-withholding ther compli-

DAVID MILLER Midland Bank Securities

of offshore bank, says tres around standards of promptness have Europe is creating opportunities for custodians to offer consultancy services.

qualified staff able to handle the tax complications. Mr Miller adds: knowledge of cross-border tax issues are a rare and valuable commodity.

Another key custodial service is to notify clients of corporate actions affecting their investment interests. When a company plans a rights issue; board changes, or to involve itself in a takeover bid, clients must be notified immediately of the details and the time in

which they need to respond. Clients often have voting or proxy voting rights in these cases, but the custodian's main concern is to ensure, so far as he can, that his client does not miss a profitable

Failure to notify a client normally makes the custodian liable to indemnify him for

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THE beneficiaries of the competition between global custodians have been the investing institutions. They command a far higher level of service than they did three years ago (Neil Bennett writes). Yet some managers remain distinctly unimpressed with the ser-

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vice they receive. The City is now the focus of the struggle between global custodians. The ERISA legislation in the United States has made the appointment of a third-party custodian mandatory. The pension funds often hand their business to the bank which has managed their domestic custody for decades.

own portfolios, and appoint subcustodian banks in each market. It is only if the work becomes too costly, unmanageable or unreli-able that they decide to appoint a full custodian for their entire

international portfolio.
Invesco MIM, the former MIM Britannia, decided to appoint a custodian for the international portion of its £!2 billion British

British fund managers, by con-fund, and has seen the full trast, are free to administer their spectrum of what is on offer. "We are looking for four basic things," says Ratan Engineer, the finance director. "One is clearly technology. First, we want a single mainframe link between us and the custodian at any time, day or night. Second, we want contractual settlement to guarantee the

price. Most of the banks are trying to give us as near to a fixed price contract as possible." The winner will be chosen this month.

Looking for service with more than a smile

Invesco decided to appoint a global custodian when it became clear it would be cheaper than administering the portfolio itself. But not every institution is convinced of the benefits. Mercury Asset Management, which manages an international portfolio of large network. The last key is more than £6 billion, has decided

to manage its own custodian network. "It is far more cost-effective," Gordon Lindsay, a director, says. Mercury did look at appointing an overall custodian. But it could not find one to manage more than 100 customer accounts individually.

Morgan Grenfell is one of the most experienced custodian users. It deals with more than 40, both direct and as agents for its institutional clients. On the whole,

lot of glossy public relations from banks, says Alastair Reid, a director of Morgan Grenfell Asset Management. "But there is little substance to it." He believes fund managers should be free to appoint their own custodians rather than deal with banks appointed by the investor. These, he says, often give incomplete valuations to the clients which can leave the blame

for underperformance with the

manager rather than admit the custodian's own mistakes. Managers are becoming edgy about the credit-worthiness of some of the American global custodians. The customers'-eye view of the custodians is surprisingly similar. All believe the American banks still have the edge, but that the British have closed the gap considerably.

Managers also believe that fees will continue to fall, and there will be casualties. "There are so many people throwing so much capacity at the market, it is going to be World debt," Mr Reid says.

# Transatlantic bid for business



David Watson: quality

rom the carliest days when Chase Man-hattan coined the term global custody, the industry has been the United States banks' backyard. It was US marketing that first brought global custody into the limelight, while the vast American pension funds provided captive business.

In the past few years, however, they have begun to be challenged by overseas competition. The Bank of Tokyo is believed to be the second largest global custodian in the world, although it is relying on the business from the Japa-

The British meanwhile have been rebranding their stock administration departments and investing to bring them British custodians are to fight the US markets. Many large custodians have recently been

as the Swiss, from expanding,

since their domestic invest-

ment base was too small to

provide the mass needed for

The American banks, too,

will soon be challenged on

their own turf. Midland is

negotiating links with regional banks in America to sell its

global custody in that country.

faced with the need to main-

tain and expand their global network. The sub-agents in

each local market determine

the success of any custodian

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Custodian banks are also

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the Nineties. Barclays and Midland, for example, both believe they have the systems to compete with the best of the Americans.

David Watson, the senior manager of Lloyds Bank global custody, feels the transatlantic struggle keenly. "The Americans have geared up on advanced technology. But we rely on quality of service and experienced staff. This is a relationship business."

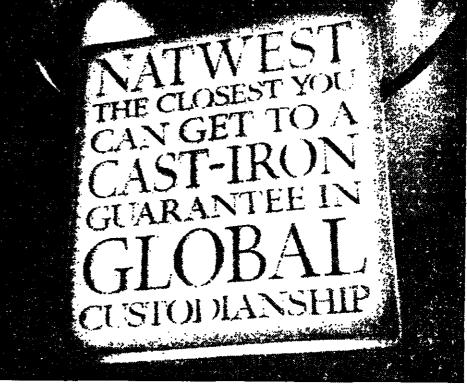
Until now, banks have tended to win global custody business in their own country, with the Americans poaching some due to their strength.

appointing sub-agents in Tur-key and Thailand and they are ready for the day when their customers demand a place in eastern Europe. Midland Bank has one of

the largest networks, stretching across 48 countries. This includes truly speculative centres such as Brazil and Argentina, and areas such as Bangladesh. The bank is blessed with a close relationship with the Hongkong & Shanghai Bank, and uses it as a sub-agent in six countries, while Midland itself is well established on the Continent.

The hot debate among custodians is whether to use a bank's own branches abroad as sub-agents, or whether to choose the dominant local institutions. Among the British, Barclays is proud that it uses its own branches in 16 countries. "Very few US banks have this sort of international network," says Alex Tweedie, the head of Barclays custody business. "People are sensitive about our triple-A credit rating as a bank."

Global custodians and the upsurge of cross-border inestment that they tend are largely responsible for the development of settlement systems in most of the world's main stockmarkets. The bull market of 1986-87 exposed problems in Italy and Spain, where failed settlement rates grew as high as one in five. Since then paperless settlement in Paris, New York and Copenhagen has driven down failure rates and costs. Similar systems are being developed in Hong Kong, Australia and Tokyo. In the City, custodians and institutional investors are awaiting the launch of Taurus, the Stock Exchange's paperless settlement operation



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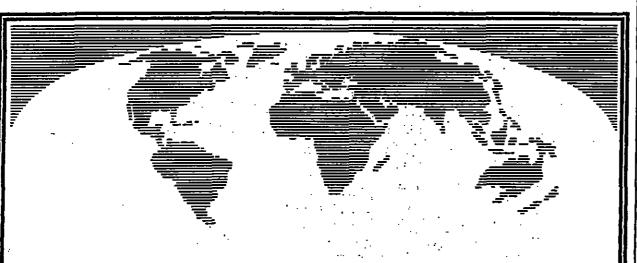
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# Fair play, even in fraud

t fell to me to review the investigations system under the Companies Acts when I became the trade secretary in 1979. I was concerned, in particular, to bolster confidence in the system on behalf of the public and the business community after comments made by the Court of Appeal in re Pergamon Press Lid and Maxwell v Department of Trade and Industry and Others.

The 1985 guidance notes issued to inspectors still contain thy statement to Parliament on May 19, 1980, and they stress the need for inspectors, and the department, to treat witnesses fairly.

In paragraph 24 of the guidance notes, which refers in passing to a statement by Lord Upjobn about the wrongful assumption of power, it states: "... the inspectors cannot properly try to insist on a witness giving them an answer which would incriminate him ..." At that time whether a witness's refusal to answer questions was "proper" would have been a matter for the court. Public opinion, as expressed

through Parliament, by primary legislation and in reports such as the trade and industry select commutee's recent report on company investigations, indicates a harsher mood today towards company fraud. The select committee chaired

by Lord Roskill, proposed a generally stricter regime, although, for unstance, it considered a lapse of more than 18 months between committal and trial would be

Before Lord Justice Watkins

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Mr Charles Salter for the

LORD JUSTICE WATKINS.

applicant; Mr Kevin de Haan for the DPP.

and Mr Justice Roch

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Sir John Nott (right) questions whether the law as envisaged

by Parliament is being observed in

fraud investigations

against fraud was reflected in a revision of companies legislation to deny a "right of silence" to witnesses in investigations. Indeed, in several respects the law has shifted during the Eighties significantly against the rights of the individual defendant in cases

To a non-lawyer who as secretary of state was deeply worried about opportunities for abuses of natural justice in the system of investigations, there are today quite serious grounds for concern. This concern has also been expressed by distinguished lawyers such as Lord Alexander, by the Law Society and by commercial law firms such as Slaughter & May in their evidence to the select commuttee referred to above. it should be a matter of deep

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concern to the trade and industry denartment, and more particularly to Parliament, if persons familiar with the procedures are worried about the dangers of the abuse of natural justice in the new legislative environment. I suggest that this worry is also widely held in the business community.

It is difficult to understand why Partiament should allow evidence obtained from fraud case witnesses to be passed to the Serious Fraud Office without any protection for the individual against selfincrimination, while in other criminal law areas, such as murder, rape and terrorism. protection against the defendant's self-incrimination is institutionalised through the codes of practice under the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984. I suggest that this is a wholly

anomalous situation, not intended by Partiament, it is a not unusual muddle. Although the problems of the prosecution in fraud cases may be particularly severe, it should not justify any derogation from the rights of the accused.

As the Law Society's standing committee on company law said in a report in April 1977, "expediency is never acceptable if carried to the point of injustice".

The evidence to the select committee of John Wood, then director of the Serious Fraud Office, makes it clear that transcripts of evidence have been passed by the trade and industry department "over a period of months" to the Serious Fraud Office and then to the police while an investigation is still proceeding and without any caution of the

I consider that the action described by Mr Wood is a far cry from what a layman would reasonably understand by the term "fairness", and it trans-gresses the spirit of the recommendations on the use of transcripts set out in paragraph 21 of the 1985 guidance notes. While an investigation is in

progress, witnesses are unaware of what other witnesses are saying, have no opportunity for questioning those witnesses or answering allegations, have not seen the documents on which they are to be questioned, have not at that stage had an opportunity to comment on the inspectors' likely findings and crincisms, and have no



A case in point: the Guinness defendants are driven in castody from Southwark Crown Court

remedy against unfair or untrue statements, which may be made later in inspectors' reports.

In stark contrast to the system in other cruminal law areas, no caution has been administered and witnesses generally want to co-operate with inspectors with a

view to obtaining a dependable report on the facts. The law will take its course and the opinion of a disinterested individual may not carry any weight. However, in the Pergamon case: Lord Justice Sachs stated: "It seems to me as well as to Lord Denning very clear that in the conduct of the proceedings there must be displayed that measure of natural justice which Lord Reid in Ridge v Baldwin described as insusceptible of exact definition but what a reasonable man would regard as fair procedure in particular circumstances. I find it difficult to conclude that Parliament intended an entirely different standard of protection against selfincrimination for the individual under the Police and Criminal Evidence Act codes of practice to that prevailing in fraud cases under the Companies Act."

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#### Court of Appeal Blameless surety should

# not forfeit recognizance

Regins v Reading Crown Court, Ex parte Bello Before Lord Justice Purchas, Lord Justice Parker and Lord Justice Stuart-Smith

[Reasons December 6] A person who stood surety for a defendant's bail should not forfeit his recognizance if he was failure to surrender when reshould enquire into the question of fault before deciding what

hould be done.
Ignorance of the date when e defendant was required to annear could be a reason for non-forfesture. Therefore, the court should always notify a surety of the date when the defendant was required to

The Court of Appeal so stated giving its reasons for allowing on October 26 an appeal by the Bello, from the refusal by the

24, 1989 of his application for The decision for which judicial review was sought con-cerned an order made by Judge Lait sitting at Reading Crown Court on June 29, 1987 that the applicant should forfert £5,000 which amounted to half of the

cannabis.

The accused was granted bail when the applicant and one other person stood as sureties.

On December 23, 1985 Camberwell police advised the Customs and Excise that the The applicant, who had been

days between Christmas and January 6, 1986 informed the police and the chief clerk of Uxbridge Magistrates Court that he wished to withdraw as surety because he did not believe that the accused would turn up at the court and that he might try to leave the country if he had not already done so. Shortly after January 8, 1986

the accused was arrested in Holland by the Dutch police for possession of 10 kg of cannabis. He did not appear at Reading

1986, the date which had been fixed for his surrender into the custody of the crown court. Subsequently he was extradited to the United Kingdom where he was convicted on April 6. 1987 and sentenced to two years imprisonment.

Mr Bello in person: Mr Guy Sankey for Reading Crown Court.

LORD JUSTICE PARKER said that before the Divisional Court the applicant contended, inuer alia, that the order of Judge Lait should be set aside because (i) he was not notified that the accused was required to attend on February 3, 1986 (ii) the accused was already then in police custody in The Netherlands and (iii) because he was blameless.

Lord Justice Mann, giving judgment in that court, had said that although the court was prepared to accept that the applicant was blameless, there mai any orizine attached to the surety or the accused and that if the surety failed to get the accused to court the right to forfeit was triggered: see R v Warwick Crown Court. Ex parte Smalley [[1987] 1 WLR 237, 249H) per Mr Justice

Macpherson.
Their Lordships allowed the applicant's appeal first and foremost because as it was not shown that the accused was ever required to attend Reading Crown Court whether for trial, sentence or anything else, either on February 3, 1986 or on any other date, the power to forfeit

That would have been suf-ficient to dispose of the appeal but it was desirable also to deal with other important matters. Having reviewed the authorities, the true position, in his Lordship's judgment, could be stated thus:

The failure of the accused to surrender when required trig-gered the power to forfest but the court before deciding what should be done had to enquire into the question of fault. If it was satisfied that the surety was then be proper to remit the whole of the amount of the recognizance and in exceptional circumstances that would be the

only proper course. The Divisional Court was correct in accepting that the applicant was blameless. He had one everything he could do done everyming and his recognizance and it was not sugges that he was in any way at fault in

entering into the recognizance. There was force in the contention that ignorance of the date when a d*e*fendani was n to appear at court was by itself a ground for non-forfeiture.

The surety undertook to ensure the appearance of the defendant at court when required. It was an undertaking to the court, failure of which to observe might result in the fortesture of large sums of money. It therefore appeared that justice should require that

The court should always notify sureties when a date wat fixed and, if no date was fixed, noufy them between what dates the case was likely to be listed. Such warning should be given as

Lord Justice Purchas and Lord Justice Stuars-Smith

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#### was no requirement of proof that any blame attached to the

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### Limiting time for acceptance of payment into the court

XvY An application by a plaintiff for an extension of time in which to an extension of time in which to accept a payment into court by the defendant should not be granted once there had been a substantial alteration in the risks of the case.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Russell and Lord Justice Parquitarses) so held on November 15

son) so held on November 15 allowing an interlocutory appeal by a defendant in a libel action from an order by Mr Justice. Michael Davies who had given the plaintiff further time to accept a payment into court as a condition for allowing the delendant to serve out of time notices under the Civil Evidence Act 1968.

LORD JUSTICE NEILL said that the detendant's case was that payment into court was a procedure whereby a defendant could give the plaintiff a chance to dispose of the action by accepting the sum paid in.

But, it was said, the sum was paid in in the light of the defendant's perception of the case at the time. Accordingly, the court should not extend the time laid down in Order 22, rule 3 of the Rules of the Supreme Court for acceptance of the payment in, now 21 days, if the rasks of the case changed adversely to the plaintiff.

There was no answer to that submission. There had been a substantial alteration in the risks in the case. Moreover, the risks were again substantially altered by the defendant obtaining leave to serve out of time Civil Evidence Act notices.

Once there was a substantial Iteration in the risks, the time for acceptance should not be extended (see: Gaskins v British Aluminium Co Ltd ([1976] 1 QB 524, 530) per Lord Denning. Master of the Rolls).

# Burden of proof in alibi defences

Regina v Anderson Where a defence of alibi was raised it was always better, even

if the summing up was relatively short and a clear direction was given at the commencement as to the burden of proof, for the udge to give a humber direction reminding the jury specifically that the burden was on the prosecution to disprove the

However, unless there was a danger that the jury might think that the burden lay on the defence because the defence had put torward the alibit there was should give any such further direction see K s H and (1798) 2 Cr Spp R 74).

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Lloyd, Mr. Justice Schiemann and Mr. Justice Jown) to stated on November 20 others dismusing an appeal by William Robald Anderson against his conviction on Octo-ber 20, 1988 at Northampton Crown Court (Mr Recorder Bray and a jury) of wounding with intent, on which he was sentenced to five years ітризоптені.

LORD JUSTICE LLOYD. giving the judgment of the court, said that it had been argued that

the practice of giving a specific further direction was so univer-sal that it had hardened into a rule of law.

In their Lordships' view, al-

though it would have been better if that had been done by the recorder, the absence of such specific further direction did not amount to a misdirection.

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innsdiction. But that did not mean that "open justice" could be re-garded in isolation regardless of the inherent power of a magistrates court.

possible removal from the

The expression also had to be read in the further context of section 46 of the 1933 Act which assigned the hearing of a crimmai charge against a juvenile to a juvenile court. Parliament in enacting the 1965 Act could not have been unmindful of section 46 which put children and young persons in a different category from actuits as to venue in the hearing of criminal

It was unthinkable that paragraph 2 was intended by Parjuvenile court conform with liament to override other statutory provisions such as section 47 of the 1933 Act which the proceedings should be heard open court? His Lordship was prepared to governed in a mandatory way what access by the public there should be to a particular kind of graph 2 of the Schedule were

charges.

His Lordship entirely ac-cepted the force of the argument

that although it was a basic tenet restrictions on public access to of English criminal procedure that justice should be seen to be done in public that principle was not immutable.
Thus it had been held that a

magistrates court had an inherent power to restrict public access to its proceedings if the administration of justice 80 required, such as in the interests of security, public order and public safety: see R v Denbigh Justices. Ex parte Williams In the context of children and young persons, Parliament had

accepted that in some instances

some inroads into the principle

persons should not be deprived of the protection afforded by

of open justice had to be made in the interests of protecting those who appeared before juvenile courts charged with criminal offences. While the 1965 Act made no special provisions for the backing of warrants issued in the Republic of Ireland in respect of children or young persons, such

the proceedings against them. The conclusion his Lordship reached was that in respect of

children and young persons the only court competent to deal with applications under the 1965 Act was a juvenile court the procedures of which were strictly governed by sections 45 to 47 inclusive of the 1933 Act. There was no reason whatso-

ever to conclude that any irregularity had crept into the proceedings. There seemed to be no doubt that the door to the court had not been secured until all persons with an interest in to be there had been given the opportunity to be present. The method chosen to enforce

security by the police had not been shown to have in-commoded anybody who had the statutory right to be present.

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applicant Mr Tiamiyu Adebayo Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Mann and Mr Justice Rose) on November

recognizance put up by him as surety for Onyersi Odoe who, on October 3, 1985, had been arrested and charged with the illegal importation of 17.7kg of

other person stood as sureties. On December 5, 1985 the accused appeared at Uxbridge Magistrates Court and was committed for trial at Reading Crown Court. A declaration of October 17, 1985 signed by the applicant having expired, another declaration was obtained from him on December 5

never arose whether under the declaration of October 17 or that of December 5, which alone

the surety was notified by the court of the date upon which the defendant was required to However, it was impossible to say that ignorance of the date was always an answer to proceedings for forfeiture. Each case would depend on the facts.

far in advance as possible.

Should the position be any different because the extension was granted not on an applica-tion made for that purposes but as a condition of the exte granted to the defendant? There was no difference in principle. The judge's reasons for making the order were understandable

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# Job satisfaction wins the vote

What will lawyers want in the next ten years? Edward Fennell finds a startling answer with which to start the millennium

s we enter the season of punditry, the moment is right to ask how lawyers see themselves in ten years' time. Will they be largely ensconced in Europe, or part of global multidisciplinary practices? Alternatively, perhaps they assume that legal life will just go on in the same way for ever, with constant but ineffective demands for reform.

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Some answers may be found in a survey of lawyers' expectations of the year 2000, released to The Times this week by recruitment consultants Badenoch & Clark.

Perhaps the most striking finding is that eight out of ten lawyers surveyed say that by 2000 they expect to be regarding job satisfaction as their top priority. This is a startling figure because it towers over all the other factors, including money (8 per cent), status (2 per cent), and the opportunity to travel (1 per cent), which are normally considered to appeal to new graduates when they join the profession.

Like most statistical surveys, this is open to interpretation. The findings could mean that, ten years hence, most young lawyers expect to have already obtained as much money and status as they need and that by then their concerns will have shifted elsewhere.

Alternatively, they may reveal that what lawyers supposed to be the "good life" has turned sour and that what matters to them is satisfaction at work. Whatever the truth, most lawyers, unlike accountants, who are also surveyed, apparently see the future as being much like the past. For example, almost three times as many accountants as lawyers believe they will be working in a mixed professional practice by the end of the century, and although 30 per cent of accountants expect to spend a great deal of time travelling overseas, few lawyers do.

Rachel Caine, who was responsible for the survey at Badenoch & Clark, says: "With only I per cent citing an opportunity to travel as a critical factor in their new job and with 58 per cent of lawyers not expecting to work abroad for any length of time, it raises the question whether the legal profession will still be lagging behind other sectors in reacting to change."

Of course, caution is traditionally regarded as one of the lawyer's most important qualities, and in view of the intense difficulties experienced by some accountancy practices recently, the lawyers may feel justified in resisting revolution.
One of the few significant

changes envisaged by most lawyers is in their role as business advisers. Two-thirds of the survey were convinced that in ten years their contribution to business will be more important than now. Certainly many firms project themselves as law-led strategic business advisers. On the face of it, the ethos



Two in one: law and accountancy firms such as Peat Marwick McLintock (above) could merge into vast mixed practices

of the lawyer is still far from that of the innovative entrepreneur. Business people may still accept that the lawyers' job is to apply the brakes to their wilder excesses, but they remain to be convinced that lawyers can also map-read the future for big

business. A large majority of lawyers, however, wish to continue in the cosy atmosphere of private practice. The American-style ambition to get to the top of the corporate framework from a legal base is still lacking in Britain. While



that outlook persists, clients may look with scepticism at lawyers' roles in business affairs.

What was clear to the lawyers surveyed was that the established system of training and qualification will change. "Articles can stay, but law finals must radically change," one participant said.

Do lawyers actually enjoy lawyering? The indications are that many of them do not, although the trappings of the legal lifestyle remain popular. Almost 10 per cent of the survey felt they would not remain in the law for the rest of their working lives, and many expected to spend no more than three years in a job during the next decade before moving on. As the economy slows down, it will be interesting to see whether that expectation is realised.

● Copies of the report are available from Rachel Come at Badenoch & Clark from the end of next week (071-

# INNS AND OUTS

#### Hooson's comeback

THE chambers of Lord Hooson, QC, at Dr Johnson's Buildings have been relaunched after the split in July collate historical information when Geoffrey Robertson, QC, left with 20 other members and set up in a blaze of ably the longest-serving publicity and razzmatazz in Doughty Street.

Mike Essex, clerk to the Hooson chambers, admits the set recently had an intensive recruitment drive but it is back to strength. The emphasis of the chambers, known as the home of Rumpole because John Mortimer, though now a non-practising member, was there for many years, has shifted. "We are rather more criminal law-orientated than we were, and not quite so much civil liberties, as it was

mainly the people doing that work who left," Mr Essex says. Lord Hooson's team in-cludes the QCs who stayed -Martin Thomas, Alex Carlile and David Lederman - and a range of new juniors. The Hooson says, to "take on the full range of modern, common law work".

#### Rights in Mind

THE Law Centres Federation, the umbrella body for law centres, has linked up with Mind, the national association for mental health, to seek funding to develop the use of advocacy in psychiatric services. The two bodies are jointly applying for funding from the Mental Health Foundation on behalf of the Nottingham advocacy group, an unusual project working with psychiatric patients and encouraging them to pursue their rights in care.

If successful, the application will pay for a skilled advocate to become attached to the project. Ian Bynoe, director of Mind, says: "People detained in psychiatric institutions are often most vulnerable to having their legal rights ignored or abused. They need accessible, expert and independent advice and assistance."

#### Working at 90

ANNA Amphlett, a partner in Amphlett Chatterton, of southeast London, is no

ordinary solicitor. Admitted in 1925 and now 90 years old. she still goes to the office twice

According to Theresa Grant Peterkin, a Withers partner and co-ordinator of the Association of Women Solicitors' "archives" project to about women in the profession, Ms Amphlett is probwoman solicitor still

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surviving. Mrs Grant Peterkin is sorting through some remarkable detail about the pioneer women solicitors of the Twenthrough interviews between association members and the profession's earliest women entrants.

A questionnaire forms the hasis of the interviews and includes questions on education and university degrees, attitudes of women's schools to their careers, problems in obtaining articles and whether family connections helped the premium paid for articles (about £300 in the Thirties), family attitudes to the women's careers and whether they ever experienced discrimination.

She says the interviews collected so far indicate that most of the women were almost irritated by the suggestion that there was anything special about them, and there are few signs of discrimination. She is glad to have begun the project while some of the earliest entrants to the profession are still living and bopes to have a book published on the subject.

#### Law Fair 1991

THIS year's Law Fair in London attracted 5.070 students and graduates, who met 91 organisations from all branches of the legal profession. Visitors ranged from sixth-formers to undergraduates from all degree disciplines, 52 per cent from universities and 24 per cent from polytechnics.

Next year, the fair will be at the Business Design Centre on March 14 and 15, and will be organised by London university's careers advisory service with the Law Society, the General Council of the Bar and The Times. Interested employers should ring Vivien Charvonia on 071-387 8221.

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# Another hump in the road, but is it legal? paragraph 7...the road hump shall not be treated as constituting an obstruction to

ALMOST all highways are their highways. But nobody guided it was in thinking that further reduced, at considerated to the public for could call road humps, spring-humps would result in imerable expense to the result in imerable expense to the former to t their general use to pass over ing up everywhere like a new on foot, bicycle, horse, car or and unpleasant disease, an what you will, when you like. If it does not actually say so in Magna Carta, it is stated clearly enough in Halsbury's Laws of England: "A highway is a way over which there exists a public right of passage, that is to say, a right for all of Her Majesty's subjects, at all seasons of the year, freely and at their will to pass and re-pass without let or hindrance." There is a general duty on

the highway authority, usually the local council, to keep its highways in repair. Section s62 of the Highways Act 1980 also gives all authorities a general power to improve

improvement. The statute claimed as giving authority for road humps shows that the whole lot may always have been illegal. The local authorities may consequently be at risk on the ground that to obstruct a highway is actionable as a public nuisance.

It is not surprising that nobody has noticed this or sued a local authority for obstructing roads with humps. There would be a need to show some special damage.

Of course, everybody would expect a local authority to act under the authority of Par-liament, no matter how mis-

provement for anybody other than the residents of the road (who benefit from less traffic noise and more privacy).

Where I live on the outskirts

of southwest London, the already too few, too narrow, badly repaired and worse constructed minor roads have chance that they will collide been and are being encumbered with humps. In many roads, they appear at intervals of only a few yards, constructed like the Loch Ness Monster, so that my speed, in a rather low-slung car, is

restricted to less than 10mph. In a borough where the roads cannot maintain any

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idents, and to the frustration and fury of the overtaxed, rarely considered motorist.

When I asked a council officer why, I was told it was all in the cause of road safety. If cars can move at only 8mph, of course there is less with one another with serious effect. The statutory exception intended to protect authorities from the possibility of legal action is in a schedule of the Transport Act 1980, which provided for the first time: this in its next paragraph, The Secretary of State may by regulations make such cuse what would otherwise be provision in relation to the a highway obstruction. It

him to be necessary or expedient in the interests of safety and the movement of traffic. This is the licence given by

Parliament to excuse a highway authority from an action for obstructing its highways. Surely, no secretary of state, thinking reasonably, could believe it to be necessary or expedient to place road humps in the interests of free movement of traffic. Humps do no such thing.

They also congest nearby roads with traffic wishing to avoid them. The act admits emphasising the need to exreasonable flow of traffic at construction and maintenance states. "Where a road hump peak periods, the flow is of road humps as appears to conforms to regulations under construction and maintenance states: "Where a road hump

experience from recognised practice.

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the highway but as part of the highway." Of course, it can conform only if it assists the flow of traffic. It never does. It may be that road humps have hidden virtues and qualities I have not dreamed of. If so, the official to whom I spoke did not know of them. On the Continent they are a

rarity. Perhaps this is because of some thought that money spent to ease the flow of traffic should be used to build more and better roads, rather than to obstruct existing ones.

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left their mark on the legal profes-sion. Among firms large and small, there has been a deliberate effort to

ecome more competitive, more cost-conscious, and – in a word – more businesslike. As a result, the

question arises: is the legal profes-sion still a profession, or is it

"What," some may ask, "is really the difference?" True, the mark of

owes a dury to the client and puts

the client's interests – if it comes to

r – even above their own. But

surely in business, too, the customer has to be treated well if the enter-

prise is to prosper? The customer, it could be said, receives better treat-

ment than the professional client: the absence of professional restno-

tions ensures greater efficiency,

An unacknowledged struggle is taking place within the legal profession between professional ethics

and commercial profitability. I hear about this struggle from both candidates and clients. Candidates

complain they are under so much

pressure to maximise their billings that the service they give their cli-

ents suffers. Or they feel obliged to

overestimate their chargeable time. The firms, on the other hand, com-

plain that fee-earners lack commer

cial understanding. "They do not seem to appreciate the need to bill

at least three times their earnings. They think they're there simply to provide a service." This struggle for

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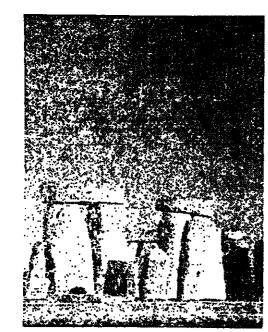
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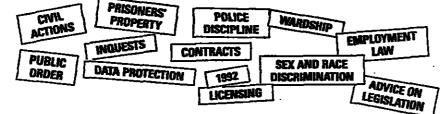
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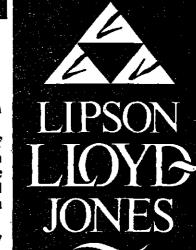
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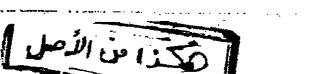
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# Charting a career in the music industry

Thirty speculative job applications arrive on Sharon Mulrooney's desk every day. She is the personnel officer at CBS Records UK, and although these are quality applications, which she puts on file and consults when there is a vacancy, many are extremely unbusinesslike.

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The record industry contributes to the invisible earnings of the UK balance of trade and is far from the candyfloss industry portrayed in the tabloid newsparers. It has picked itself up from the hard times of the early Eighties: singles sales are improving after a steady decline, and they remain a vital marketing medium for "breaking" new bands. The compact disc is booming and new formats - CD singles and cassette tape singles—hold promise. Companies are diversifying into video, film, television and theatre, and the strategy appears to be paying off. Record sales have not felt the slump quite as much as other retail sectors.

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Derek Morgan says

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"Being articulate and able to

present yourself is important. It is an image business and you have to be able to sell the product, whether to your colleagues or to journal-

Although casual dress may be acceptable once you are employed, formal wear is recommended for job interviews and when meeting

The rock business inevitably has glamour, but Ms Mulrooney stresses the need for commitment. "A lot of work is outside normal working hours. You could be up until 2am, but you need to be back at your desk at 9.30am. The laidback image is deceptive. It is a ruthless, hard-working industry and 'business' is the key word." Malcolm Buckland, the general

manager at the independent Rough Trade Records (Galaxie 500, The Sundays, Mazzy Star), agrees. "Meeting artists on a regular basis is glamorous, but essentially it is about doing a job, You have to be accountable and contribute to company profitabili-

Music is a close-knit business. Staff frequently move between record companies and the trade paper Music Week runs an appointments column, Musical Chairs, Independent labels can be a stepping stone, but Mr Buckland has worked for large and indepen-dent companies and believes a career can be carved out away from the multinationals. However, he acknowledges that salaries are lower in independent com-panies. "We could not match the perks package, company cars and



ICICLE WORKS



Neil Martin, the product manager at CBS: singles are selling better after years of declining sales, and are still vital for new hands

expense accounts," he says. But there are advantages. "Everybody feels closer to the performer. Somebody in accounts could have as much contact with a band as an A & R [artists and repertoire]

Companies receive lots of speculative applications. "Gimmicky efforts do not do anything for me," says Ms Mulrooney, who looks for a well-presented curriculum vitae and a good covering letter. "If you want to show your creativity, attach some cuttings and artwork to your CV," she says.

Enthusiasm for the music helps, but it is not enough. Mr Buckland says: "If we want a financial controller, our decision is not conditioned by the fact that one of the candidates is a fan of The Smiths [the band's gold discs line record industry management is

the walls of Rough Trade's board-room]. However, if we had two equal candidates, and one was enthusiastic about our band roster, they would have the edge."

The largest companies are based in London, but some independent companies operate successfully elsewhere, such as Kitchenware in Newcastle, and Factory Records in Manchester, the city described as the current UK pop capital. The British Phonographic Industry (BPI), the industry associ-

ation, has 150 record company

members, including specialist independent companies such as Cooking Vinyl (world music), Greensleeves (reggae) and Conifer and Hyperion (classical). Jeremy Silver, the publicity director at the BPi, says that

raise money through their own The HNC Business Studies (Music Management) at West

record label.

about taking risks. "You can

invest a lot in a band and it might

not take off," he says. Only one in

ten singles makes any chart im-

pact, but this hit or miss element

is, he says, "the excitement that

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dustry is giving £1 million to

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south London, which recently

launched its student admission

programme for the opening term,

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ium places equal emphasis on

business management and tech-

nological and performance as-

pects, and students will be able to

makes the industry tick".

Lothian college is a full-time, oneyear course covering record company administration, publishing and artist management. Project ionics include The One-Hit Wonder, and Hype or Aggressive Marketing? Students at the college also have their own record com-

The course has won endorsement from Elton John. Gordon Campbell, the course tutor, says: "The business side can be as creative as the music itself."

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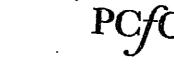
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Changing face of rugby union rules out direct comparison of form before University match

# Cambridge must be favourites because of a better build-up

RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

ONCE upon a time it would have been possible to draw a line through the fixtures played by Oxford and Cambridge and compile an accurate guide to the outcome of the University match - insofar as form has any relevance to the events of that hectic, sometimes hair-raising afternoon at Twickenham.

Not any more. There is an games played during termtime and in the nature of the opposition. Oxford, for instance, play the majority of and have encountered weakened teams as a result, the clubs preferring to save their seniors for the next league

Cambridge, who have played 14 matches to Oxford's 11, have regularly encountered stronger XVs and it would be inaccurate, therefore, to compare the results against Northampton, Wasps and Leicester, now the only three clubs common to both universities' fixture-lists. But by any standard. Cambridge will go into the 109th University match this afternoon as favourites, however hard, Siwould wish to avoid the tag.

Cambridge, holders of the Bowring Bowl, have enjoyed more - and more realistic preparation, even allowing for Oxford's pre-term Blues, five to Oxford's three, including both half backs. They have, in Adrian Davies, the more reliable goalkicker as well as a player so capable of controlling events from standoff half that his performance will be watched with interest by the Weish selectors.

Oxford readily acknowledge the fact: "If Davies is allowed to play well he can cause us a Davies is back, Tony Underlot of problems," Mark Egan, their captain, said. "He has got to be closed down." The greatest string Egan has to his fostered within his XV after the disruptive events of the omission of four Blues. Whatever else this Oxford side does, its members will play for each other.

Toshiyuki Hayashi, who has Dublin, will be as aware as translated himself from a anybody that Ireland's Japanese lock or flanker to an strength in depth at second Oxford prop, has played in 31 row is not great and that the internationals, ten as captain; selectors will be keen to see Gary Hein is an American him perform, as well as Ox-Eagle, while Egan, Errol Norwitz and Will Stileman have appeared in two previous University matches.

#### THE RUN-UP TO TWICKENHAM Cambridge have won seven of their 14 matches (excluding four games) 11-16; lost to Wasps 18-19; lost to this term, drawing twice and losing Major R V Stanley's XV 22-31; beat five times. They have scored 300 Scottish Students 21-15; beat

14 matches (excluding tour games) this term, drawing twice and losing five times. They have scored 300 points and conceded 198. Oxford, in

Carling makes

return in

WILL Carling's return at centre

play the South and South-West at Gloucester on Saturday in the

ADT divisional championship

land captain, fit again after resting a strained ankle liga-

ment, resumes the place occu-

pied by John Buckton, of Saracens, in the 25-24 victory

over the Midlands on Saturday.

to the XV which, but for illness

and injury, would have played against London. They play the North at Headingley and restore

the Leicester centres, lan Bates

and Tim Buttimore, to the back

division. Rupert Moon should

have recovered from a bruised

but the selectors are less happy

a cartilage in his knee on Saturday, forcing him from the

field, and he must be doubtful.

The North, meanwhile, having

been inactive last weekend

because of the weather, are able

to restore Nigel Heslop (wing) and Bob Kimmins (lock)

Wayne Shelford, the New

Zealand No. 8, leads North-

Franklins Gardens this evening.

Gary Pearce, the club captain, is

injured and John Steele, the

The Leicester flanker pinched

The Midlands hope to revert

points and conceded 198. Oxford, in 11 games, have won six and lost five, scoring 200 points against 166. CAMBRIDGE RECORD: beat Cambridge City 21-7; lost to Headingley 10-12; beat St Mary's Hospital 47-6; drew with Blackheath 13-1; beat University College Dublin 22-6; lost to Northampton 14-19; beat Bed-Iord 29-0; lost to Wasps 18-28; lost to Harlequins 6-23; lost to Lelcester 10-22; beat Crawshav's XV 26-16; to Harlequins 6-23; lost to Leicester 10-22; beat Crawshay's XV 26-16; drew with Nottingham 21-21; beat

10-22; beat Crawstay's XV 25-16; drew with Nottingham 21-21; beat Loughborough University 32-3; beat M R Steele-Bodger's XV 31-22. OXFORD RECORD: beat Dublin University 13-9; beat London Irish 23-5; beat Loughborough University 13-6; beat Durham University 15-4; lost to Leicester 22-23; lost to Uxtord field two senior Internationals, Hayashi (Japan) and Heimandonals, Hayashi (J

| TODAY'S                                     | TEA | MS AT TW       | <b>JICKENHAM</b>                         |    |
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| St Catherine's                              |     |                | and Hughes Hall                          |    |
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| Cork and St Anne's                          |     |                | Magdalene                                |    |
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| St Anne's                                   |     |                | Hughes Hall                              |    |
| T Havashi                                   | 1   | Prop           | J M Tarrant                              |    |
| Tokoshima Johoku HS                         |     | •              | Bloxham end                              |    |
| and St Catherine's                          | _   |                | St Edmund's                              |    |
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| SA Collegists                               |     |                | Stranguan and<br>Robinson                |    |
| and University                              | 3   | Prop           | J F Griffin                              |    |
| A E Everett<br>Michaelhouse and             | 3   | ricp           | Blackrock College                        | •  |
| University                                  |     |                | and St Edmund's                          |    |
| D G Roberts                                 | 6   | Flanker        | *R J Poel-Jones                          | -  |
| Keswick and                                 | -   |                | King's, Macclesfield                     |    |
| St Anne's                                   |     |                | and Magdalene                            |    |
| w M C Stileman                              | 4   | Lock           | A J Robertson                            | 4  |
| Weilington College                          |     |                | Watford GS and                           |    |
| and Wycliffe Hali                           | _   |                | Magdalene                                |    |
| CR Bonham-Carter                            | 5   | Lock           | *J J O'Callaghan                         |    |
| Michaelhouse                                |     |                | Gonzaga College<br>and Stdney Sussex     |    |
| and Wolfson                                 | 7   | Flanker        | *S D Holmes (caps)                       | -  |
| C Taylor                                    | -   | FIBUKET        | Cockermouth GS and                       | 1  |
| Dame Alice Owen's,<br>Potters Ber/St Anne's |     |                | St Edmund's                              |    |
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| wi s Egan (capt)                            | U   | 110 0          | Radiev and                               | •  |
| and St Cross                                |     |                | Hughes Hall                              |    |
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REPLACEMENTS: 16 D M

be seen. In the early part of term, when Davies was recovering from a neck injury, the Cambridge backs looked plain wood glitters on the wing and Andy Parton's strength at full back, offensive and defensive,

dent upon Egan at the lineout, Cambridge have O'Callaghan, Robertson and Sheasby, all potential sources of possession. Jim O'Callaghan, a There is also experience. graduate of University College ford's men of Cork, Haly and Moloney.

Chris Sheasby has had an instructive term. In club rugby Whether the sum of Ox- with Harlequins he has been ford's parts can match the seen to best advantage in

London cause

ONLY seven of the 16 scheduled matches were played in the fifth round of the Provincial views the fifth round of the

Insurance Cup on Saturday, but

the weather offered the perfect opportunity for giant-killing, and Gloacester CS Tigers

jumped at the chance.

As they play their Courage Clubs Championship rugby in Gloucestershire IV, Tigers looked easy prey for Widden Old Boys, from three divisions above, but they adapted far chicker to the appelling of

quicker to the appalling con-

ditions and kept their concen-

tration the better as the wintry

captains could not agree on

whether to play, Widden want-

ing a postponement; but the referee's decision was to at least

start the match, and call it off if conditions worsened. Within

three minutes, Tigers, who

began with ferocious intent, had

scored under the posts when their scrum half, Gareth Pugh,

charged down a kick from his

opposite number, and the tie

was effectively over.

Brendan Duffy, Pugh's partner at half back, added the
conversion and then devoted his

attentions to some splendid touch-kicking to clear his lines whenever Widden threatened.

Not to be completely deprived,

Widden were rewarded with a

try when their prop, Nick Cooke, charged down an at-

afternoon took its toll. On arrival at the ground, and with a blizzard blowing, the bridge have grafted on addiwhich make him a ball-winner part of an outstanding back row in which the strength of Pool-Jones was seen to good effect one night in mid-term when he put to flight three

Twickenham will be full, Stand, from which spectators will look down as though from an eagle's cyrie. After the initial flurry they could well see a game of high excitement, from which Cambridge should emerge victorious for the fiftieth time.

• The second game at under-21 level between the two universities for the Bowring Plate will be staged at the Stoop Memorial ground (11.30). Cambridge won the inaugural match last year and include in their back row Rory Jenkins, the England under-21 flanker, who has already appeared in the winning side against Oxford this season for the LX Club against the Grevhounds last week. • William Hill, the book-

makers, offer Cambridge as 4-9 favourites and Wayne Shelford, who has played against both universities this term, confirms their opinion; On what I have seen you would have to say that Cambridge were about 15 to 20 points better," he said. "But Oxford will certainly be fired up by the occasion and the gap will close quite a bit." Gate receipts will be only £10,000 short of the £1/2 million mark, a record for the match.

John Currie obituary, page 16 von must take it. And if this is Cloud-cuckoo-land, then I'm Tigers pull down their prey

views the fifth round of the

Provincial Insurance Cup

second half, but there was more

than a degree of satisfaction in

the bome dressing-room as the players thawed out and enjoyed the 6-4 win.

With a wry smile, Andy Pryse.

the Tigers captain, said: "Well, we earned our stripes." Only in the summer did the club revert

to its original name, after spend-

ing several years in the dol-drums as Gloucester Civil Service. His reference was to the

headline in these pages when the

Topsham, the last Devon side

in the competition, playing their fifth home game in as many rounds, saw off the last Cornish

club in handsome style by beating Veor, 27-3. Having

taken the trouble of watching

their opponents play the pre-vious weekend. Topsham were

always well on top and ran in

five tries at regular intervals, including two by their wing.

The only game in the northern half of the draw that was played was decided when Patrick Kennedy, the Old

Anselmians wing, cancelled out Tyldesley's first-half effort, and

his full back. Tony Neville.

added the decisive conversion

Gerry Alford

from the touchline

fifth-round draw was made.



# His Cambridge nest is not a fantasy world to Rodgers

OTHERS may dramatise the happy with that compared with talking to other players and sporting rivalry between Oxford the tight game so many clubs coaches. I read a lot. But the and Cambridge universities but, between the participants — the rarely anything other than mu-

cellent facilities where student tual respect. This year's internal players can enjoy themselves and where they learn to play under pressure, because of the wrangling at Oxford brought little pleasure to the Fens and two of the greatest friends on the field at Twickenham today are strength of our fixtures. Adrian Davies can't hide behind a big pack; he has to make the the respective captains, Mark Egan and Simon Holmes. Thus it is that an Oxford man decisions and closing down the game is not an option.

"We can give players special-ist coaching. Wayne Shelford can say that one of the most underrated coaches in the counwas here last week, Mike Davis, Alan Davies, Phil Keith-Roach, try is Tony Rodgers who, for the past decade, has tended to the needs of Cambridge. Rodgers, sessions and our own England players, Fran Clough and Mark aged 45, holds no coaching certificates but the university's record since 1980 speaks for Bailey, have an input. There is a itself, seven wins and three particular intensity in the ten weeks spent preparing for one defeats in the most tautly-contested of fixtures. match, although we hope to be Critics of university rugby judged on our overall record

might suggest - indeed they throughout term.' have suggested - that Rodgers lives in Cloud-cuckoo-land in In fact Davies, the former England B coach from Notting-ham, has been assisting Oxford Cambridge, that he has never submitted his coaching credenthis term after several seasons visiting Cambridge but such tials to the barsher club environ individuals form part of a rich ment. The former Rossiva Park lock, who played in three university tradition of visiting coaches: Oxford had hoped that Pierre Villepreux, from Touuniversity matches between 1968-70, admits that he occupies a privileged position in terms of talented intake but louse, would be over in the second haif of term stoutly resists charges that the student rugby in which he is

However, the presence of Shelford, the former New Zealand captain, at Grange Road, was of particular assistance in tightening the nuts and bolts of the Light-Blue game. "He admitted that a lot of the work "I get slightly annoyed when I hear that criticism," Rodgers says. "Several players have told me they had been advised to continue their rugby careers in clubs and not further their we did was similar to what he did in New Zealand, which was tice to bear," Rodgers said.
"My coaching philosophy has
developed over the years. It's

two-way process because we are dealing here with highly intelligent blokes."

Rodgers, a surveyor in the university department of estate management, describes the strengths of Cambridge rugby as interrelated: good players able to play good fixtures, which is why he views with concern the possible impact of league rugby. "There will be far more competition for players. Already

clubs are offering inducemen to promising players but those youngsters will miss so much if they never sample a university "Cardiff will be back on our fixture list next season and Lianelli want to play us. We want to sustain the strength of our list and to continue playing Saturday rugby [something that has withered at Oxford this season] because we have a duty

Chip Lohmiller kicked a 35-yard field goal with two minutes to our members and if we do not, clubs will pressure players to appear for them. If the league in England contracts and is played home and away, we may be struggling; we might be forced to look to Ireland or hind Jim Kelly, who threw for 261 yards and two touchdowns in a 31-7 victory over Indianap-

Rodgers, who has helped develop a valuable connection with Loughborough University agrees with Jim Greenwood that distinguished rugby mento of so many Loughborough stuor so many Lougnborough sui-dents: that the game involves well-judged risk-taking. "It's a game for the players and they enjoy a wide game." Some

France for games.

#### Ireland's top scorer is dropped by Munster

MICHAEL Kiernan, Ireland's they could not pick him on the leading points scorer with 299 in 42 internationals, and Michael Bradley, the Munster captain with 23 caps, have been dropped from the Munster side that up with London Irish and is process. I London and International Interna

training in the Algarye from December 27 to 31. If that hints at confused thinking among provincial selectors and the Ravenhill. Ulste lrish five, think nothing of it. Hamilton and Joh Nothing changes much in Irish are in contention.

Portadown scrum half, who has outplayed Rolland and Bradley on consecutive Saturdays in provisional championship matches for Ulster against Leinster and Munster, is on the bench for the B international against Scotland at Ravenhill on Saturday week. Rob Saunders, the man who has been his No. 2 for those cames and is again a replacement against Connacht on Saturday, is in the B side, with Matchett a replacement.

But there is a certain logic behind this thinking. Saunders, the London Irish scrum half, was denied an Ulster outing before the provincial series started and plans to watch him in the Ireland Students XV game against Argentins on October had to be scuttled when capable of lending credence to the view that Ireland are taking the wrong two scrum halves to the Algarve.

The open side wing forward position on the B side will be decided after Saturday's game at Ravenhill. Ulster's Gordon Hamilton and John Fitzgibbon

Hamilton and John Fitzgibbon are in contention.

IRELAND PAREL: Full backer K Marphy (Constitution), J Staples (London Irish). Three quarters: S Geogleges (London Irish). Three quarters: S Geogleges (London Irish). K Heaks (Bangor), K Creases (Iristonians), D Cartis (London Meril, V Canadaghaer (St Mary's Colege). M Roman (Dolphin), J Clark (Dolphin), Mediacological Constitution), M Sandey (Constitution), M Raddey (Constitution), A Radbard (Backrock College), Fervands: N Peopleses (Greystates), I Fitzgerald (Young Munster), G Nethels (Manderen), J Negoton (Dolphin), M Calvey (Evannon), J Rigney (Greystones), K Petts (St Mary's Colege), P Statthews (Wanderen), R Leady (Wanderen), M Mannion (Landowne), F Lanter (Bective Rangers), IRELAND 9 to Section 6 at Revening on December 22; J Staples (London Irish), D Curtis (London Irish), J Cartis (Constitution), M Calvey (Balymens), R Sauhders (London Irish), D Curtis (London Irish), J Cartis (Bothmens), R Sauhders (London Irish), D Curtis (Constitution), B McCarty (Constitution), K Leaky (Vanderen, Captain), M Galway (Shannon), B Righy (Greystones), A Robitson (Material), B McCarter (Landowne), K Potts (St Mary's Colege), A Mastered (Portadowne), B McClaben (Intercented), A Mediacon (Portadowne), B McClaben (Intercented), A Mediacon (Portadowne), B McClaben (Intercented), A Medichen (Portadowne), B McClaben (Metrone), B McC

RUGBY LEAGUE

# Television blamed for highlighting Leeds's dismissals

RUGBY Football League of-ficials reacted angrily last night

to what was termed a "gratufollowing the presentation on BBC Grandstand on Saturday of the Widnes v Leeds Regal

lismissals of two Leeds players highlighted, and afterwards. studio comment was made about the apparent difference in official reactions to unsavoury incidents in football and rugby union compared with those in rugby league with its new high profile.

David Howes, the League's public affairs executive, said: The incidents were dealt with immediately by the referee, and both players were dismissed on the spot. We would have been more concerned had a large been taken immediately by the

"As it is, Dixon (who was sent off) will appear before the disciplinary committee on Thursday, the video tape will be viewed, and the committee will take any action deemed nec-essary. The fuss would probably not have arisen but for the gratuitous comment." In yesterday's draw for the quarter-finals of the Regal Trophy, Widnes received a third consecutive home match, and are unlikely to be troubled at the prospect of facing Batley of the

Regal Trophy draw QUARTER-FINALS: Widnes v Better Wagen v Bradford Northern or Bramley. Castletord v Doncaster or Rochdele

winners of the Bradford Northern and Bramley postponed tie, will kick off at 2.15 on Saturday for television purposes. Warrington, who will be with-out their injured captain, Mike Gregory for up to two months will entertain the winners of the Featherstone Rovers v St Hel-ens game, and Castleford are at nome to either Doncaster or Rochdale Homets.

The unlucky Wigan winger, David Marshall, will be out of

Martin Dermott, the Wigan disciplinary committee on missal for foul play in the Keighley match. The inter-national forward, Andy Platt, who broke his finger in the

appearance will be the Oldham forward, John Cogger, who was sent off against Batley for allegedly inciting the crowd by making gestures.

Lorenzo White dashed for

**AMERICAN FOOTBALL** 

### Cofer the hoofer floors Cincinnati

By ROBERT KIRLEY

IN THE jazz age, "23-skidoo" elis. Chuck Noll won his 200th meant "scram". Mike Cofer, an game as coach of Pittsburgh in a game as coach of Pittsburgh in a
24-3 triumph over New England. Merril Hoge scored on
runs of eight and 33 yards. old-fashioned soft-shoe artist if ever there was one, worked the 23-skidoo to perfection on Sun-day. He kicked a 23-yard field gulation and booted another time as the San Francisco 49ers

league record for successive away wins to 17. Joe Montana did not complete a scoring toss for the first time in 18 games, but he led the 75-yard final drive with precision passes to Jerry Rice and Tom Rathman. When Harry Sydney ran ten yards to the Cincinnati six-yard line for a first down, San Francisco sent in

downs on Rathman's one-yard run and Sydney's three-yard most of the game on a short pass Taylor, a 38-vard field goal by Jim Breech and a one-yard run by Ickey Woods. The Bengals fell into a three-way tie for the lead of their division.

The New York Clants re-

versed a two-game losing streak and won their division with a 23-15 triumph over Minnesota. Ottis Anderson scored twice and Matt Bahr kicked three field goals to stop Minnesota's fivegame victory streak. All three NFC divisional titles have been decided. Thurteen teams are eligible for eight remaining play-off positions — three in the NFC and five in the AFC.

to play and Washington with-stood Mark Rypien's five interceptions to beat Chicago 10-9. Pete Stoyanovich kicked a 39-yard field goal in overtime as Miami beat Philadelphia 23-20. Buffalo secured their third successive play-off position be-

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#### SWIMMING

#### Highgate pair picked THE Higheate divers, Robert January and saw him become

Morgan and Jeff Arbon, will represent Britain in the diving events at the sixth world championships, to be held at Perils, Australia, from January 3 to 13 (Craig Lord writes). Morgan is on course for medals in the three-metre and highboard events after a superb year which started with a gold medal in the highboard at the

the first Briton for nine years to win the three-metre dive at the European Cup in Vienna. Sarah Northey, of Reading Royal, heads a team of three synchronised swimmers chosen to com-

BRITISH TEAMS: Diving: R Morgan (Highgams and Barnet Coptins), J Arbon (Highgams and Essau Comprans). Synchronised swimming: S Northety (Reading Royals), C Geter (Hounslow Borough), L Stedmore (Brissol Cannel).

VAUXHALL LEAGUE

SCOTTISH PREMIER

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1 Falkink v Brecher
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X Messoe v Kilmenso

#### POOLS FORECAST

FOURTH DIVISION

I Bury v Exeter
1 Crews v Hudd'field
2 Fulhem v Botton
7 Leyton O v Preston
1 Mensitled v Chester
I Shrawsbury v Wigen
I Southend v Gritteby
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players rested because of tempted clearance by the Tigers

But there was a full quota of

as yet, three rounds away and with Ashbourne, Bradford Salem and Leodiensian, among others, on duty, weather permitplenty of good sport still to come in this exciting new venture for iuntor meby.

East and the Old Reedonians stand-off, Nick Richards, certainly made his mark. Richards, who flew home from a holiday in Hong Kong, arriving on the morning of the game, kicked five penalty goals in the 15-3 victory over Hellingly.

education. But if you have the chance of a university career

involved in irrelevant.

Dereham's ten-man game never quite came off as they went down 20-0 at Greenwich, where the home side's No. 8, Dave Snipp, collected two tries, and Old Cooperians, too, gave best to a superior pack as Loadon Cornish matched their two penalty goals and then came good with two unconverted

Down in the New Forest, Alfae Birch, with two penalty goals, was again on target for Fordingbridge, who continued to bette their status in the league with a 9-3 victory over Haverhill and District. The final at Twickenham is,

RESULTS: Fifth round: North division: Trichsing 4, Cld Americans 6, London and South-East division: Greenwich 20, Deraham 9 Ctc Responsers 15, Mellingty 2, On Cooperans 8, London Comich 14; Fortmobrides 9, Heneral and Ossert 3, South and South-West division: Topstein 27, Veor 3; Glocoeter CS Topra 8, Widden Did Boys 4.

meets Leinster at Lansdowne Road on Saturday.

Both are in the 26-strong Ireland panel for warm-weather

Andrew Matchett, the

TREBLE CHANCE (Pome Islams): Derby, Milhell, Swindon, Bradford City, Bury, Gillingham, Rochdele, Scarborough, Scarboro, Burton, Hoerhan, Mcronn, BEST ORAWS: Derby, Swindon, Gillingham, Scuittorps, Mortion, Walself, Northampton, Bromsgrave.

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improving an already fine record on their local course by pulling off a double today with Typhoon Lucy (2.30) and Flight Hill (3.0). Flight Hill is napped to follow up last month's Catterick victory in the Nags Head Novices' Handicap Hurdle, a race which, coincidentally. Typhoon Lucy won for the successful Saltburn combina-

tion 12 months ago. Like Catterick, Sedgefield is essentially a sharp course. So Flight Hill, who is a half-brother to that good two-miler So Flight H Prideaux Boy, should be in his element again.

What impressed me about his victory at the north Yorkshire track was the way he stuck his neck out when pressed all the way to the line by Blacksburg.

That looked a sound performance at the time but appears even better now as Blacksburg has since won by eight lengths from his market rival, Merry

12.45 Lord Admiral 1.15 Deciding Bid. 1.45 Red Rondo.

Going: good to firm



Reveley: strong chance of double at Sedgeffeld today

time out in a race at Ayr won by that decent novice, Better

So Flight Hill's form now depth which is more than can be said for his rivals this afternoon, with the possible exception of Bold Republic, who has however, been penalised 5lb for winning at Kelso eight days ago.

But for falling at the last at Southwell on her chasing debut, Typhoon Lucy might well have finished second to Viking Rocker, who had im-Master, who himself had pressed when winning earlier In between, though, this six-shown no end of promise first at Ayr. So I feel she is entitled year-old, who won three

PLUMPTON

2.15 Manhaman Boy.

2.45 Firm Price. 3.15 Wagon Load.

Selections

By Mandaria

Michael Seely's selection: 3.15 WAGON LOAD (nap).

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.15 WAGON LOAD.

12.45 GALLEANO CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP CHASE (£2,259; 2m) (6 numbrs)

EETTING: 2-1 Lord Admirat 3-1 Castle Jaster, 9-2 Knockbrack, 8-1 Artic Chief, Hope End, 10-1 Gabish, 1989; KNOCKBRACK 9-11-10 B Powel (11-4) G Ham 5 ran

FORM FOCUS KNOCKBRACK week12 3rd to Hogmaney at Ascot (2m, good to firm);
earlier bear Mening! 4I at Worcester (2m, good).

LORD ADMIRTAL 4I 2nd to Solent Lad at Windsor (2m, dood to firm);
because 3I in a moderate novice chase on chasing debut at Windsor (2m 40yd, good to firm). AGSTLE JESTER can on to beat Decreto 3I in a moderate novice chase on chasing debut at Windsor (2m 40yd, good to firm). HOPE

END jumped well when 4I 2nd to Priscillen in 3runner race at Nottingham (2m, good to firm); lessed unseeded at 8th at Bangor ARTHIC CHEF default unseeded at 8th at Bangor ARTHIC CHEF (2m 41) good.

GABSHI easily beat Firms Flutter 201 in selling hundle here (2m, hard) in August issues unseeded at 8th on chasing debut at Windsor (2m 40yd, good to firm). HOPE

Selection: KNOCKBRACK (sep)

1.15 HENFIELD CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (21,590: 2m)

1989: L'ENCHERE 4-11-4 D Gallegher (8-4) G Gracey 4 ran

FORM FOCUS CHASMARELLA onepaced 8 3rd to Susan
Henchard at Hereford (2m., good). L'ENCHERE
made all to best Gabish 251 in this race less year
(good to firm).
LOVE TO DANCE staying-on 201 3rd to Lyph at
Folkastone (2m. 100yd, good) with SNAPSHOT BABY
(20 bester off) 8 5th. PANEL GAME pushed out to
best Turn For Th'Bester 81 here (2m., heavy) in

1.45 SCOTTS RESTAURANT NOVICES CHASE (£2,065: 2m 4f) (10 numbers)

Long handicap: Snapshot Baby 9-11, Vital Witness 9-1.

BETTING: 3-1 Deciding Bid, 4-1 Chasmer 10-1 Love To Dance, 12-1 Shifnel, 14-1 others.

Hardwick Arms Novices' Handicap Chase.

If Niven does pull off a double he may well not be the putting in a clear round. only jockey to do so since Mark Dwyer had equally good prospects on Unex-Plained (1.30) and Green Archer (2.0). it was by only a short head that both were beaten last time out at Bangor.

In the Golden Lion Ladies' Handicap Hurdle, i like none better than Hydeenius. A winner three times over

hurdles last term, the Colin Tinkler-trained five-year-old also scored six times on the Flat during the spring and summer. He certainly will not fail through lack of fitness as his last race was on the allpossesses some strength in weather at Southwell only six

At Plumpton, John Edwards has a good chance of landing a double with Red Rendo (1.45) and Firm Price (2.45). But backing Red Rondo to win the Scotts Restaurant Novices' Chase will require considerable courage as he has fallen in two of his three races over fences, both times at Hereford. In between, though, this six-

Successful Saltburn team Ireland, trotted up by 15 lengths at Carlisle to prove that he is quite capable of

has caused him to break blood

United States, where they know

a lot about this sort of problem.

The Sheikh Mohammed-owned six-year-old has been kept in training at Newmarket. "I am keeping him trotting to keep him tight," continued Stotte, "We should know after

"It was revealed from the first

Firm Price, my selection for the Car Parks National Handicap Chase, is nothing if not consistent, having finished first or second in his last six races. Last time out he ran well enough at Nottingham behind Rare Bid - a winner since - to suggest that he can hold Star Of Screen, a former stable companion, and Rich Remorse.

Ray Goldstein, who rides
Rich Remorse, could be on
the mark earlier in the afternoon when he partners Manhattan Boy in the Baker
Lorenz Winter Handicap
Hurdie.

Stonie. We should know after
Christmas what the long-term
plan will be. "

Meanwhile, Stoute's stable
jockey, Walter Swinburn, has
had his long-held ambition of
competing over hurdles delayed
by the weather. Ray Goldstein, who rides

Manhattan Boy is some-thing of a standing dish at Plumpton where he has now won nine times over course and distance.

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"I had hoped to school over hurdles for Martin Pipe yes-terday morning," said Swinburn. "Peter Scudamore was coming down to give me some advice but the weather put a stop to it.

"I'm hoping the weather does not cause further problems as time is running out. After Christmas I take up a contract to ride in Hong Kong and then I will be required for the new Flat season." Weather permitting, Swinburn now hopes to have his first hurdles ride for Pipe next week. a stop to it. Any rain that falls before the last race, the Ditchling Novices' Hurdle, will greatly improve the chance of Wagon Load. Having finished second to Mad Casanova on soft going at Haydock last time, he appears to have the edge over

Guide to our in-line racecard

Recorded number. Six-figure form (F – feit. distance winner. SF – beaten fevourity in P – pulled up. U – unecased rider. B – brought down. S – slipped up. R – refused.

D – disqualified). Horse's name. Days 5 – soft, good to sirm, hard. G – good. S – soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in since last cuting; F if fist. C – binkers. brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider visiter. B – distance winner. CD – course and Handicapper's rating.

2.15 BAKER LORENZ WINTER HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,574: 2m) (14 runners)

BETTING: 4-1 Good Spark, 9-2 Striding Edge, 5-1 King Retain, 5-1 Native Knight, 5-1 Marinetian Boy, Nonus, 10-1 Robbie Burns, 13-1 Eddie Kybo, 14-1 others.

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FORM FOCUS GOOD SPARK 101
Lad at Chelsenhern (2m, 8m); seriler beet ROBBEE
BURNS (8b) better oit) 61 over course and distance including 101 defeat of Sexon
SMR RETAIN beet MATIVE IORGAT (2b) better oit)
251 at Tauston (2m 110yd, good to firm); previously
best Master Viros a neck over course and deternor
good to firm) and MANNATTIVE BOY 34 (2h) A. GUAL
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30 over deternor distance deternor
good to firm) and MANNATTIVE BOY 34 (2h). GUAL
D'ORSAY commorably beet Nicknewer 41 here (2m 44,
30 over deternor distance MATIVE IORGAT
Selection: MATIVE IORGAT

2.45 CAR PARKS NATIONAL HANDICAP CHASE (22,794: 3m 1f) (6 numbers)

1 P/G/P-62 STAR OF SCREEN 20 (D.F.G.S) (G Harwood) G Harwood (S-12-0 Mas A Harwood (S) 2 12/142-1 Rich REMORSE 22 (D.F.S) (M Rogers) R Certis 11-11-7 R G Goldstein 3 2122-22 FRAN PRICE 35 (D.F.F.G) 64 Parter) J Edwards 9-11-2 N Williamson 4 1682/13- OR PEPPER 272 (CD.G.S) (Food Brokers Ltd) O Barons 13-10-2 L Hervey 5 NF-013 NEVER A PENNY 7 (B.S) (J Mooney) J Edvi 7-10-0 R Gaset 6 133453 CANTORIAL 4 (CD.F.G.S) (Mrs C Hayton) C Pophen 9-10-0 S Donohoe (7)

BETTRIC: 5-2 Firm Price, 3-1 Dr Pepper, 4-1 Rich Remorse, 6-1 Star Of Screen, 8-1 Never A Pency 10-1 Cantorial.

1989: HIGH HAM BLUES 7-12-1 S Earle (11-8 fav) D Berons 4 ren

FORM FOCUS STAR OF SCREEN | good to firmt: previously 11 2nd to Doronicum at 3%1 2nd to bileser Ed Court course and distance (good to firm). RICH REKORSE best Dandy Minstrel 11 at Windsox (Sm) with CANTORIAL (12b worse off) 17%1 5th.
FRAM PRICE 31 2nd to Pare Bid at Mottingham (3m, 1 Selection: RICH REMORSE.

1 6/Fil-1 GEORGE BUCIONGHAM 11 (5) (P Hatherst) G Ham 5-11-5 B Powelt 80 (File) GEORGE BUCIONGHAM 11 (5) (P Hatherst) G Ham 5-11-5 B Powelt 80 (2 23 MR FELD) 48 (Felx Rosensdel's Widow & Scri) R Chembers 78 GRANLOSA 38 (Food Brokers Ltd) D Burons 6-11-0 J White 78 GRANLOSA 38 (Food Brokers Ltd) D Burons 6-11-0 J White 78 00-SCOTTISH EUTRESS 340 (J Wheten) P Hedger 6-11-0 MR Richards 6 (NO SUN KING SPEEDY 11 (Airs R Murdoch) Mrs R Murdoch 8-11-0 D Gallagher 3 SUREN 20 (M Peters) C Westion 4-11-0 R Damwoody 87 6 20/454-2 WAGON LOAD 19 (Dr G Marian Moham) R Akshurst 5-11-0 L Harvey 99 9 0P/058- LUZZIES LASS 241 (Airs L Creber) F Gray 5-10-9 Mrs Creber 10 P 3HP OF GOLD 14 (W Jiggins) D Wiston 4-10-9 G Meere BETTING: 4-7 Wagon Load, 5-1 George Buckinghem, 8-1 Surer, 12-1 Mr Felix, 14-1 Remices, 18-1 blors.

1989: STRONG GOLD 5-11-8 M Pisman (5-1) Mrs J Pitman 14 ran

FORM FOCUS GEORGE BUCKING.
RAM beat Shadow
Run 2H at Bengor (2m, soft).

RR FELK 6H 3rd to Three Lakes at Asoot (2m,
firm). Previously 10! 2nd to Fairways On Yarget in a
National Hunt flat race adjusted Rasen (2m,
firm). Selection: WASON LOAD

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Course specialists

2.0 NEW DUN COW NOVICES CHASE (\$2,028; 3m 2f 160yd) (9 runners)

1 355-231 NORTON WARRIOR 19 (V.C.Q.S) (Iria) J Linky) M H Easterby 7-11-10 L Wyer 2 FF4 BALLIRROSTIG 12 (H Thompson) Denys Suith 7-11-3 B Storey 3 400P/S2 BARKIN 11 (C Jentina) G Richards 7-11-3 N Doughty 4520-32 GREEN ARCHER 22 (G.S) (R Noody) Mrs J Ramaden 7-11-3 N Doughty 5 1042-P2 HEY RAWLEY 13 (G) (C Buckley) Mrs G Reveley 5-11-3 N Denys 5 1042-P2 HEY RAWLEY 13 (G) (C Buckley) Mrs G Reveley 5-11-3 P Nivon 6 D-FF452 HOMERIOG LAD 7 (G Orann) Mrs J Green 6-11-3 J O'German (3) T (PF-942 MAGRICK) 12 (J Switzn) J Switzn 9-11-3 Birs 5-11-3 A Coloney 9 GSR-323 JOES BABY 11 (Miss J Hey) P Beaumong 7-10-12 P A Farmel BETTING: 13-8 Norton Warrior, 5-2 Green Archer, 6-1 Balliarrostig, 6-1 Hey Rawley, 10-1 others.

1990: EARL HANSEL 8-11-3 L Wyer (8-1) R Woodhouse 13 ran 2.30 HARDWICK ARMS NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,065: 2m) (7 runners)

3.0 NAGS HEAD NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (\$1,370: 2m) (12 runners)

SETTING: Evers J J Jammy, 9-2 Scarning Dale, 5-1 Typhoon Lucy, 12-1 Lightwater Again, 33-1 others. 1986: KANSEL 6-11-10 A Memigen (10-11 tar) W A Supplement 8 ren

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TRAINERS

3.15 DITCHILING NOVICES HURDLE (£1,360: 2m 4f) (10 nunners)

### Flight Hill to follow up for More lung Jockey Club delay x-rays for is setback for Kribensis £1m Derby plan By CHRISTOPHER GOULDING KRIBENSIS, the champion hurdler, is to undergo further x-rays of his lungs to determine the extent of the problem which

courses hopes to achieve a Derby worth £1 million.

approves the plan next month.

United Racecourse exucutives

will have only three months to

sell the scheme to breeders around the world before year-ling sales commence in April 1991.

the plan but support is under-stood to have been expressed by

Morley Street, fifth in last

season's Champion Hurdle, won the Breeders' Cup Chase, at

Belmont Park, in October, He followed that up with a facile

victory at Worcester last week.
If he does run at Ascot he will

The six-year-old won easily at

the prospect of such a meeting.

Even if the Jockey Club

ed that is by no means certain.

A PLAN to change the entry national racing's pecking order, system for the Derby and boost its worldwide appeal received a based on prize-money. By getting breeders to enter yearings before they are even setback yesterday due to a delayed decision by racing's sold, and having additional stages of entry up until five days before the race. United Race-

set of x-rays that there is a lesson," said Michael Stoute, the grey's trainer. "My vet will send a second batch of x-rays to the United States of heavy to the The Jockey Club had planned to consider the yearling entry plan submitted by United Race-courses at their monthly meeting in London but it has put off discussion until the New Year.

The delay has infuriated executives of United Racecourses who run Epsom, where the blue riband of the turf is staged, because it reduces their chances of having the new entry system working in time for the 1993

The re-introduction of the yearling entry stage - the last one was in 1963 for the 1965 race won by Sea Bird II - is aimed at broadening and increasing funding for the Derby.

The world's most famous Flat race, worth £600,000 this year to

Guest For Fame, has plunged in the Horseracing Advisory

Hazardous journey has happy ending

**BASKETBALL** 

By NICHOLAS HARLING

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AS A founder member of the Sunderland club. Dave Elderkin, now in his fourth spell as coach, is not only an expert on handing players but something of an authority on the country's highways and byways. "Back in 1973, when the club was formed, you weren't just a

player" Elderkin recalls. "You washed the kit and drove the minibus as well." Things are different now. Sunderland have a luxury coach and Elderkin, who is now doubling up as promotion man-

Tim Neligan, managing director of United Racecourses, and Michael Webster, clerk of the ager, is no longer the driver. But he was on board on Saturday as Michael Webster, cierx of the course at Epsom, had been hoping to prepare their sales pitch over Christmas in time for a global assault in January. They the Wearside team staked their claim for the weekend's "show must go on" award by travelling for 10½ hours to fulfil a Carlsberg League fixture at Worthing now face an agonising delay. The Thoroughbred Breeders' Association is known to oppose

By skirting the worst of blizzards they arrived in time for the game to begin no more than 20 minutes late and with impressive contributions from two of their England players. Vaughan (36 points) and Bucknall (23), won 105-92. "After all they had gone through, the players were in no mood to lose." Elderkin said. Soon after he had stepped through his front door at 7.45am on Sunday, Elderkin took a phone call from the Worthing chairman, Colin Smith, seeking confirmation of Sunderland's safe arrival home. Later he received a fax from the league's chief executive, Mike Smith, applauding the club's efforts. "All that made it worthwhile," Elderkin said.

Their successful fulfilment of an obligation may also stand Sunderland in good stead this weekend when they travel to Derby on Saturday for their first-round match in the Coca Cola Cup. Derby, who could not stage

their home league game last Saturday because there was no power at the Moorways Sports Centre, will have gone three weeks without match practice. which is not something of which Sunderland in general, or their England trio in particular, can complain. In the circumstances they must be expected to beat Derby for the third time this

"He's definitely going to Ascot. He's a smashing horse, and if we clash with Morley Street, so be it. They're going to meet sometime." Henderson is also considering where to run his new Irish-import, Mutare. The five-year-old, previously trained in Ireland by John Nicholson, won two weeks ago. many admirers when beating

Trapper John at Punchestown Henderson can choose be-tween the Waterloo Hurdle at Haydock Park tomorrow, where he would clash with Beech Road, or the Youngmans Long Walk Hurdle at Ascot on

# Fast ground worry for Norton's Coin

CHELTENHAM Gold Cup winner Norton's Coin's seasonal Rovacabin Christmas Novices' Chase on the same card.

Toby Balding will also be studying his meteorological reappearance in the Frommore Handicap Chase at Ascot on Saturday hangs in the balance, charts before making any de-cisions. "I don't know," he said. and will depend on the weather in the next few days. Owner-trainer Sirrell Griffiths said yesterday: "He's entered, and I "The Feltham Chase at Kempton on Boxing Day is his other race and it depends what want to run him." sort of weather vibes I get."

The ground at Ascot is still good to firm, which would prevent him taking his chance. Assuming that the weekend snow had softened the ground, the permit holder, based at Nantgaredig near Carmarthen, gretted news of the going with disbelief: "I can't beleive it's still good to firm. Let's hope and pray for rain."

not have things all his own way as Nicky Henderson yesterday confirmed his promising nov-ice, Remittance Man, will be The prevailing fast ground going to post. has prevented the nine-year-old, who sprang a 100-1 surprise when winning chasing's blue riband last March, running this Leicester and Newbury, and Henderson is not worried about

This has been a source of frustration for Griffiths, who has had no such problems on his home gallops. As he explained: "It's been super here, we've had rain since September. I just wish there was a course near here. He can run on anything — he could run on concrete but I just don't want to risk him."

Now, with his first objective, the King George VI Rank Chase at Kempton on Boxing Day, only 15 days' away, Griffiths is desperate to give Norton's Coin a preparatory run. Griffiths is now considering a

racecourse gallop at a track which would provide more suitwhich which she going.

Moriey Street, already being touted as a future Gold Cup could run in the

Saturday.
"I'm in the throes of deciding,
but he'll probably go to Ascot,"

### Full Strength on course for Ascot

By PHIL MCLENNAN

By Phill McLennan

FULL Strength, who suffered defeat for the first time in 11 races when beaten by Blazing Walker at Ascot last month, returns to the Berkshire course on Sanurday for the SGB Handicap Chase.

Gordon kichards's progressive seven-year-old is one of only 10 five-day acceptors for the £30,000 prize and one of only 10 five-day acceptors for the £30,000 prize and one of very few definite runners.

Full Strength, beaten three lengths by Blazing Walker over 2½ miles in the H & T Walker Gold Cup, will be tackling three miles for the first time but the Greystoke trainer is unconcerned. "He's a very lackadaisical type and that should help him get the trip," Richards said.

With Tohy Tohias the Gold
With Tohy Tohias the Gold
Tobias, also has Garrison Toward and in the race but the Sun Alliance Chase winner misses Ascot and will take up one of his two Haydock engagements tomorrow.

If Toby Tobias runs at all at Ascot on Saturday, it is more likely to be in the Youngmans Long Walk Hurdle for which there were 19 five-day acceptors yesterday.

"The ground at Ascot at the moment is still good to firm." David Stait, Mrs Pitman's assistant, said. "If it stays that way, Tobias won't run."

Stait added that Royal Athlete, the stable's other top chaser, is a week or more behind Toby Tobias in his work and get the trip," Richards said.
With Toby Tobias, the Gold
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With Toby Tobias, the Gold
Cup runner-up, most unlikely to run in the Coral
run, the weights will probably rise 11lb at the overnight stage with Ballyhane and Man O'Magic sharing top weight of 11st 10lb.

Man O'Magic, sixth to Arctic Call in the Hennessy Gold Cup, is by no means a certain runner and Boraceva, second favourite.

is by no means a certain runner and Boraceva, second favourite for the Coral Welsh National, is likely to miss Ascot and wait for the Chepstow race on Saturday seek.

SGB HANDICAP CHASE: Toby Tobies 8-12-0, Bellytane 9-10-13, Men O'Megic 9-

Tree elected to Chepstow put **Jockey Club** 

JEREMY Tree, the former CHEPSTOW racecourse is to Beckhampton trainer, will be stage four races to commemo-Beckhampton trainer, will be stage four races to commemoone of five newly-elected Jockey race Fulke Walwyn, Lester
Club members with effect from Piggott, Pat Eddery and
January 1 (Phil McLennan Lanfranco Dettori. writes). The others are Christopher Hall, Gurney Sheppard, Anthony Speciman and Lord McGowan.

Sandy Struthers is to replace until his retirement earlier this Viscount Cheisea as deputy year, senior steward and will also act Pig as chairman of the newly each reached personal mile-formed disciplinary review stones at the course this year —

committee.

Sir Piers Bengough, the winner there, Eddery reaching Queen's representative at Ascot, takes over from Lord Vestey as becoming the first teenager to chairman of the disciplinary committee.

Yesterday's Edinburgh results

Johnson, 6-4 fev); 3, Work Meta (Mr J Bradburne, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Mes Cath Royal (f), 10 Border Oek (Siri), 12 Direct interest (4th), 6 ren. Nk. 12, 5, 2%; Mrs G Revetey Sathum-by-the-Son, Total: 53.70; £1.50, £1.30. DF: £2.60, CSF: 27.88.

on new races

ous efforts to beat the weather only to be denied by motorway conditions. Carlaberg League first division

IKIAIHLON

#### Europe trying to put its house in order

A body of officials, authorised and recognised by the ETU with the aim of eliminating drafting on the bike section during the international races in which there are many competitors of a

Run, championships, pro-visionally planned for the NEC,



BETTING: 11-4 Red Rondo, 100-30 Buddy Holly, 4-1 Priors Coppies, 6-1 Sherpford, 8-1 Cleaning Up, 10-1 Caspian Phys., 12-1 others. 1929: BREAK OUT 4-10-7 P Scudemore (6-4 tav) C Brooks & ran FORM FOCUS PALMERSTON BOY 26: 3rd to Travall Girl In seller at Formwell (2m 21 110yd, good to firm). RED ROBOO made ell to best Strong Approach 15: at Cartisle (2m, good): latest was headed when led at last in a contest won by Clean Through at Hereford (2m, good). But of the Cartisle (2m) and the Cartisle (

Selections By Mandarin

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2.00 Green Archer. 2.30 Typhoon Lucy. 3.00 FLIGHT HILL (nap). 3.30 Across The Lake. By Michael Seely

2.00 Green Archer. 2.30 J J Jimmy.

SIS Going: soft 12.30 JOHN WADE HINO TRUCK NOVICES SELLING HURDLE (£1,800: 2m) (18 MOUNTAINOUS 11F (M W Essiarby) M W Eastarby 4-11-8.

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1.0 GOLDEN LION LADY RIDERS HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,562: 2m 4f) (6 runners) 

Long handlesp: Montaz Dancer 8-2.
BETTING: 13-8 Chocken, 7-4 The Lighter Side, 9-2 Hydeonius, 12-1 Sten's Folly, 20-1 Montaz Dancer, 33-1 Focus On Foster. 1989: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

1.30 HOPE INN HANDICAP CHASE (£2,204: 2m 4f) (7 runners) 

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1809; SOME MACHINE 10-11-8 M Dwyer (8-1) Jimstry Pizzperski 10 min Course specialists

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10, 2%, Mrs G Reveley at Sathum-bythe-Sea. Total: E120; £1.30, £1.30. DF:
21.80, CSF: £2.55.

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3-1); 3, Golden Fancy (S Turner, 9-2),
ALSO RAN: 7-2 Teacajee (4th), 20 Lightfall
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27.50.

2.45 (2m ch) 1, MAUDLINS CROSS (\*)
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RAN: 11-8 fav Cardictright (f), 12 Pelm
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Reveloy at Salthurn-by-the-Sea. Tols:
28.00; 21.40, 21.40. OF: £4.00. CSF:
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3.15 (2m 4f hdie) 1, MEANII SEAR (R. Fahey, 8-4 fav); 2, Castloway Raider (D. Crossman, 10-1); 3, Eleven Lights (P. Niver, 10-1); 4.50 (PAN; 7-2 Easy Over, 7 Tharris (Sm), 8 Parin House, 12 Britlant Wish, 14 Jane's Joy (R. 25 Good Mood (4rf), 50 Carswell's Choice (6m), Timure Double, 11 ran. 15, 101, 2; 11, 101, J Berry at Cockernam, Tota: \$2.40; £1.40, £2.70, £5.50, DF; £48.60, CSF; £17.67, Tritcast; £111,55.

Elderkin, meanwhile, happy to carry on coaching for as long as his chairman Brian Dobbinson delays the appointment of Craig Lynch's successor

Lynch having been dismissed The win at Worthing, Elderkin believes, "has taken us a step in the right direction towards playing the game the way we want to. Worthing played above themselves, Ronnie Baker was outstanding and Hubbard was shooting as though it was his birthday. needed all our resources." Among those clubs which tried, but failed, to make it on Tigers, who found the M6 impassable and were forced to turn back from their trip to Manchester. Two second di-vision teams. Oldham and Broxbourne, also made strenu-

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By Ian Sweet

THE European Triathlon Union (ETU) spent many hours at its winter congress in Muhital, Germany, last weekend discussing illegal drafting, or taking pace, during the cycle discipline of this three-dimensional sport.

Triathion is on the verge of

Olympic status in Atlanta in 1996 but the IOC, which is aware of drafting, has insisted that the International Triathlon Union (ITU) gets its house in

European championships, will be formed next year. Drafting is a problem only during leading The Fulke Walwyn Handicap similar high standard who Chase will be run over 2½ miles on April 2. Walwyn regularly invariably come out of the water together and consequently set off en masse in the bike section. saddled runners at the course Other measures, including decreasing the field size and hilly bike sections, which natu-Piggott, Eddery and Dettori rally break up packs, are being introduced. Permission to experiment on changing the order to swim, run and bike has also been given, as has making the whole event a time trial with interval starts. Britain was awarded the 1991 European Duathlon, Run Bike

Birmingham, in September.



**TENNIS** 

Players to

make or

break rich

new cup

By ANDREW LONGMORE

TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

Edberg and Pete Sampras, two grand slam champions, the highlight of the opening day of the inaugural Grand Slam Cup in Munich will be the Spanish

tenor, Placido Domingo. Argu-ably the world's greatest singer

extending a welcome to unargu-

ably the richest tennis tour-nament. There is something

appropriately dramatic about

The opening ceremony, which

features Domingo, the pop group A-Ha, performing ac-robats and a 55-piece orchestra,

is sandwiched between four first round matches. As a measure of

the money on offer over the next six days, by the time Domingo begins to sing, the two losers of Curren v Ivanisevic and Sam-

pras v Cherkasov will have each grossed \$100,000 (£52,000) for their efforts. Even the week's two understudies, Thierry Champion and Karel Novacek, will take home \$50,000, while the leading man in the cert of 16

the leading man in the cast of 16

will be presented with a cheque

for \$2 million after the final on

None of those vastly inflated

figures lends a ha'p'orth of

credence to an event, which has

caused controversy from the

moment it trimbled hastily and

prematurely into the world 14

months ago. Nor, contrary to the opinion of John McEnroe

and others, do they necessarily detract from it. With \$1 million

for the winner of the ATP Tour finals in Frankfurt last month

and \$2 million this week, Christ-

mas comes every month on the

No amount of money was going to tempt Boris Becker,

who said a year ago that he disagreed with the tournament

conflict with the ATP's finals

and would not compete. Like Lendl, who said the opposite all along, he has kept his word.

Neither money nor the absence of Becker and Agassi - still,

incidentally, awaiting punish-ment for withdrawing from the

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# IOC feels pressure as credibility is at stake

From DAVID MILLER IN

Olympic ethics are dish of the day here, every day, on the varied menu of administrative debate. The executive board of the International Olympic Committee is wrestling behind closed doors with its two overriding issues of public credibility: Ben Johnson's reinstatement, and the secret vote system for Olympic Games host cities. Decisions have yet to be

The election of Atlanta, rather than Athens, Melbourne, Toronto or Manchester, in Tokyo in September quite unjustifiably did immeasureable harm to the IOC's reputation. Media reports around the world, knowing little of IOC mechanics or motives, wrongly said the vote was for money; for the home of Coca-Cola. The truth was that Atlanta was by some distance the best bid.

Yet, the damage by that decision to the perceived view of the IOC is nothing compared with the cynicism that will be generated should Johnson reappear in the Olympic Games in Barcelona in 1992. The public, which takes interest only every four years, will conclude that acceptance of the world's most publicised cheat simply means the

IOC does not care. The executive board is at present divided on Johnson's Olympic eligibility. There are those, including Juan Antonio Samaranch, the president, who argue that the IOC must be consistent with policy of the International Amateur Athletic Federation, which operates a twoyear ban. Samaranch claims credit for the IOC for its exposure of Johnson, in the fight against drugs; yet the positive test in Seoul in 1988 was only upheld at the time after some heated private

The repeatedly expressed view of Prince Alexandre de Merode, chairman of the IOC medical

commission, who retired by rotation from the executive board this year, is that competitors deserve a second chance. This begs the question that cheats at Johnson's financial level need get away with it only once to be made for life. We know some who have. Johnson is expected to compete again, after IAAF reinstatement, in Hamilton,

Ontario on January 11. However, there are prominent opposing views within the IOC, such as Kevan Gosper, vicepresident, who recognise the ineradicable discredit upon the whole of sport if Johnson should be welcomed back to the next Games. Gosper would demand a mini-mum four-year ban to include the

next Games after the offence. When one considers that lawyers and medical practitioners who break their professional code of conduct are struck off for life, a four-year ban, even in a pro-fessional athletic career which rarely lasts more than ten years, seems not unreasonable to most people. The Athletes Commission, concurrently meeting here under the chairmanship of Peter Tallberg. of Finland, multiple Olympic yachtsman, and including Ed Moses and Kip Keino, has persistently

demanded a life ban for offenders. With positive tests continuing to emerge among prominent athletes in the United States - together with allegations of long-standing malpractice in both regions of united Germany - the executive board would be in dereliction of duty if it did not stand up to the most severe threat to the Olympics

On the voting issue, the board is equally divided, but on detail rather than ideology. It was agreed yesterday not to take any decision prior to the Session in Birmingham in June — at which the vote will be taken for the Winter Games host of 1998 - for fear of reflecting discreditably on the vote taken in

The changes debated for in-troduction by 1993, when the host for the Summer Games of 2000 will be decided, are twofold: that members would not be informed of the ballot figures, round by round. other than the bottom candidate to be eliminated, and that ballot papers would be named, so that, following disclosure of the result, it would be known who voted for

By not revealing voting figures round by round, members would be unable to indulge in tactical switching, and would have to stay with their first choice candidate from start to finish. By revealing names, there would be less possibility for alleged bribery, by whatever means, to persuade members to place their vote other than on preference by merit.

A more rationalised voting system might well convince the British Olympic Association to continue with the ambition of hosting the Games when they discuss the principles on January

19. They have to determine whether they are making the strongest possible bid for 2000, or continuing an ongoing process that might succeed by 2004 or 2008.

Manchester announced yes-terday that it is unshakeable in its intention to seek the BOA's backing to bid for 2000, while London's bid led by Sebastian Coe meets today to consolidate its rival campaign. There is evidence here in Lillehammer that support a preference for either of the British bids: the undoubted impact made by Bob Scott, and by the Manchester concept, during the unsuccessful bid for 1996, and the perceived foreign view of London as the more attractive city, however unspecific in detail that view might be. What is clear is that the competition will again be severe, with other bids coming from Peking, Berlin, Sydney, Milan and possibly Paris, Istanbul and Brasilia.



Carrying the torch from 1948: Gary Lineker, the England football captain, joins Sebastian Coe in backing London's bid for the 2000 Olympic Games yesterday

**CRICKET** 

# Pakistan's hopes of escape

From JOHN WOODCOCK IN LAHORE

PAKISTAN gave up any realistic idea of winning the third Test match here against West Indies long ago. By close of play on Saturday they would have settled eagerly for a draw, and when play ended yesterday they still had eight second-innings wickets standing and were nearer than they had been then to achieving

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partly to Haynes, for continuing West Indies' second innings until they were bowled out, but most of all to Rameez Raia and Shoaib Mohammad, who came together when Pakistan had lost a wicket without a run on the board in their second innings and were separated only as bad light was about to stop play for the day. Needing an incidental 346 to win, Pakistan were then 90 for

innings to an abrupt end by becoming only the third bowler in Test history to take last five of an over which began with the West Indian score at 172 for 6 and ended with their being all for 173. Maurice Allom, for England against New Zealand at Christchurch in 1929-30, and Chris Old, for England against Pakistan at Edgbaston in

For this they were indebted penultimate over of the morning - has to rank as the most cautious of the year. The one thing that might prevent West Indies from winning was lack of time, not least because the combination of morning dew and early gloaming has been accounting each day for between 15 and 20 of the 72 overs which are meant to be bowled. But yesterday's shortfall of 19 was partly because

> For an hour, the morning's ceeded uneventfully enough. Hooper and Logie took their fifth wicket partnership to 108 before Hooper was run out attempting one short single

I admit to believing, when error which will haunt Dujon Pakistan went in, that the for an uncomfortably long match could well be all but over by the close. It had taken West Indies only 40.2 overs to declare West Indies second second innings of the second innings before lunch – in the Test and 49.2 in their first

wickets, one in the first over and the other in the last, when Walsh produced a shooter for Rameez. In between, the West Indians seemed quite unable to match Akram for accuracy. They bowled nothing like straight enough, and Shoaib and Rameez both showed fine judgment in knowing what

in the way of luck. Rameez was probably caught at the wicket, and given not out, off Hooper's first ball, and there was Shoaib's escape against Marshall: but by the time Walsh struck, right at the last moment, the West Indians were looking decidedly unamused. As for the pitch, it was not quite the rogue that it had been for much of Saturday, and that you had been led to believe it would be. Pakistan, even so, are a long way from safety.

BOWLING: Immin Khan 13-5-32-2, Waqai Younis 8-0-32-1, Masood Anwar 13-1-43 1, Wasim Altern 9-0-28-5, Abdul Cadir 4 0-19-0, Shoab Mohammad 1-0-1-0.

Second Innings
Asmer Malk c Logie b Ambrose
Ramesz Raja b Waish
Shoelb Mohammed not out

ICE HOCKEY

#### Raiders of the lost art stung

By NORMAN DE MESQUITA THE weekend weather played havoc with the Heineken League programme and only six games were played. The five premier division fixtures that took place confirmed the fine form of Durham Wasns and Cardiff Devils' continuing

vulnerability.

The Wasps went to Ayr
Raiders, where the home side
introduced three new imports after the departures of their Canadian players last week. It package put together by the receivers to ensure the existence of the Raiders for the rest of the season, did not suit them.

With Jason Hannigan fit again, the Wasps were at full strength for the first time in six games, and even on the tiny Ayr rink, proved too resourceful for

the Devils lost to Peterborough Pirates for the first time in ten meetings, but with the Welsh side holding a 5-2 lead, it seemed an unlikely outcome. Six third-period goals for the Pirates sent the East Midlands fans home happy.

Fife Flyers were without their

leading scorer, Rick Fera, because of a groin injury, but their local youngsters came to the rescue against Whitley Warriors on Saturday, combining for seven goals in an 8-5 win. On Sunday, however, they found Cleveland Bombers too good for

After Tony Hand had scored what he thought was the win-ning goal for Murrayfield Racers against Whitley Warriors with four seconds left, the referee decreed that the goal net had come off its moorings. Hand was awarded a misconduct pen-alty for showing his displeasure...

RESULTS: Helmotren premier league division: Ayr Reiders 3, Durham Wasps 7; File Flyers 8, Whitiey Warriors 5; Cleve-land Bombers 6, File Flyers 5; Peter-borough Pirates 8, Carrath Devils 8; Whitiey Warriors 6, Murrayfield Recers 6; First divisions Bracknell Boes 3; Slough Jets 10.

• There has been a change of venue for Great Britain's game against the Soviet club side will now take place at Munayfield, face-off 7.30pm.

# Dobson's choice is put to the test

By PATRICIA DAVIES

THIS time last year Helen given up for the time being. Dobson was the only contender taking on a milk round and

Dobson was the only contender taking on a milk round and for the title of woman golfer of some studying instead.

The year, having proved herself "I think Sue's just had enough the outstanding amateur in the country. Now that she has turned professional, with a barren, injury-plagued season behind her, what are her aspirations?

As befits a player of her ability and common sense her are head to twiddle her thumbs. and common sense, her am- had to twiddle her thumbs bitions are neither modest (after (carefully) for 15 weeks this

said yesterday, "and it would be she is back to playing 18 holes a nice to win a couple of tournaments if possible, but I won't "I'm not allowed to practise really know until I have played much," Dobson said, "because in a few events and seen what the standard is like. "It'll be much harder and a doesn't hurt and there are no

big change," she said, "There'll twinges" not be as much socialising or sitting in the bar having a The intensive travelling holds

no worries for her, for, living out on a limb in Lincolnshire, she has become well used to that. Neither did she seem worried by the example of Sue Shapcott, one of her predecessors as a star English amateur, who turned professional last year but has

all, she will not be 20 until summer. She stopped playing February) nor immodest. "I'd after the Curtis Cup in July to like to finish in the top 20," she try to heal the damage, and now

there's still a bit of inflammation in the joint of the elbow. It She expected to sign up with

International Management Group in the next week or two. With prize money of over £2m anticipated on the women's European tour next season, Dobson should prove a shrewd investment. In any bad moments, she can always take heart from the fact that Angela Uzielli, her successor as golfer of the year, is 50 years old.

ment for windrawing from the event – nor volumes of propaganda will predetermine the success or failure of the GSC.

Its fate rests altimately with the spirit of the 16 who have qualified by their performances in the grand slams this year and accepted invitations to play.

The younger players like
Sampras and Goran Ivanisevic.

the ones on whom the future of the tournament might rest, have yet to make up their minds, but tend towards the ATP's "glori-fied exhibition" line. They will be influenced by the attitude of who are more positive, and they will certainly be much clearer in their views by the end of the week. So will the sponsors and the multi-million television audience worldwide.

. If, for example, they have to watch a cheque for \$2 millio being handed to Christian Bergstrom, ranked, pretty accurately, at No. 80 in the world a few questions might be asked about next year's event. On the other hand, a thrilling five setter between Edberg and Sampras, two of the four grand slam champions in the field (Lend) and Gomez are the other two), 2 itself will do more than any amount of moncy to wipe away the doubts and make the Grand Slam Cup an accepted "fifth"

ORDER OF PLAY: K Curren v G hvanisevic; P Sampras v A Chericasov; S Edberg v M Chang; H Leconta v T Muster.

SNOOKER

# Griffiths expunges his deficit

TERRY Griffiths, who took the world championship in 1979 at his first attempt, has won nothmisread an easy not at 63-4 ing of real note since 1986, yet at the age of 43 he is still ranked at No. 6 in a game increasingly

dominated by youth.

Resilience has always been among the meticulous Welshman's most sterling qualities as John Parrott, the world No. 3.
found in the first session of their
Coalite World Matchplay quarter-final at the Brentwood Centre, Essex, yesterday. After four frames Griffiths was 4-0 down. After eight he was level.

Griffiths can be terribly neg-ative at times and it is when

caution is his watchword that he

proved, at first, yesterday. He misread an easy pot at 63-4 ahead and allowed Parrott the chance for the winning clearance of 61 in in the first frame. The Liverpool player then made a break of 131 for 2-0.

Parrott secured the third frame with a clearance of 60 but was extremely fortunate when, in attempting the frame-ball pink, he bounced it off the jaws of the left-hand middle pocket and saw it roll obligingly into the top right pocket.

Another fine clearance of 92

following another error by Griffiths, who had led 39-0, made it 4-0. Yet another Welsh blunder

RUGBY UNION

UNIVERSITY MATCH: Oxford Univer Cambridge University (Twicken 2.00). Under-21 match: Oxford Univer-

seemed to have opened the fifth frame to Parrott, the runner-up for the last two years. But this time he also missed a sitter and potted only six balls in the final four frames as Griffiths turned the tables. Steve Davis, the 1988 winner.

was troubled on Sunday night both by the cold, when the central heating failed, and by Martin Clark, who won three frames from 8-2 down. But Davis secured his semi-final

#### TABLE TENNIS Romania exile

for Ormesby CALIN Creanga, the gifted Romanian who defected while reaching the European youth hampionships semi-fin Athens two years ago is to play in the British League (Richard Eaton writes). One of the Continent's most promising young players at the age of 19, Creanga could have an important bearing on the destination of the league title following his signature for Butterfly Ormesty.

"We feel this makes the race wide open again," the Ornesby manager, Aian Ransome, said after completing a signing that he had been attempting for weeks. The deal was secured with the help of England European youth silver medal winner, Michael O'Driscoll. Creanga, who has been based in Athens since his defection. lines up in an Ormesby team

Rotherham who played for England earlier this year. Chen is the only English

Cambridge United v Fulham (7.45)... Zenith Data Systems Cup

B and Q Scottish League Premier division

Dunferroline v St Mirrer First division

First round Montrose v Dumbarton Bob Lord Trophy Second round Barrow v Macclesfield Telford v Runcom.....

TODAY'S FIXTURES brackets): Dorohester (2) v Crawley (1): Trowbridge (2) v Bilston (0): Tailed round, frest leg: Buckinghem v Waterlovelle: Burton v Heonesford: Terrecrit v Berry-PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE (7.00): Fliest

OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Arsens v Norwich (7.90); QPR v Ports-mouth (2.00).

mouth (2.00).

VALITHALL LEAGUE: Premier division: Greys v Mange. First division: Borelsent Wood v Meropolitan Police; Chalfort St. Peter v Worthing (7.45). Second division south: Horistam, v Benedeed Att (7.45); Lastherhead v Easthoutne Utel (7.45). Loothe Clap: First round: Aveley v Woldingham; Berlding v Luyton-Mingste; Besingstoke v Molesey; Dording v Hartow, Leves v Whyteleafe; St Athans City v Depenhem; Tooting and Michamy v Bromey; Undrugs v Ayesbury, Lectile Trophy: First reund: Barton v Feitham; Berldminsted v Chertsey (7.46); Billeriam; Berldminsted v Chertsey (7.46); Billeriam;

SPORT ON TV AMERICAN FOOTSALL: Enrasport 17.00-18.00 and Screensport 18.00-20.00: College masches. 858 20.00-22.00 and 00.30-02.30 (tomorrow): National Footbal League.

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GRICKET: Sky One 03.30-11.00 World Series Cup: Australia v New Zestand.
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MOTORCYCLING: 885 18.30-19,30: MULTI SPORTS: Eurospert 07.30-08.30: POWERSPORTS INTERNATIONAL: Screensport 20:00-21:00.

Screensport 20,00-21,00, RACING NEWS: 888 13,30-14.00 and 23,30-midnights Racing news. RUGBY LEAGUE: Screensport 08,30-10,00: France v Australia. Science: Screensport 20,00: France v Australia. Science: Screensport 17,00-18.00: Protour from New Zeeland. Europport 21,00-23,00: World Gup sistem and ski jumping. SHOOKER: Eurosport 12:30-14:30 and 23:30-01:30: ITV 14:20-15:15 and 23:40-00:30: World matchaley from the Brem-wood Centre. Screensport 21:00-23:00: World championebip highlights.

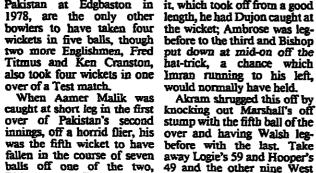
v Abington Town (7.45); Brackmell v Malderi Vele; Hornchurch v Kingebury; Newbury v Hernel Hampstead (7.45); Ware v Tibury.
1975. LOANS LEAGUE CUP: Second round replay; Mossley v Bangor. First division: Eustwood Town v Worksop. Hampails v Acchingon Stanier, Midland division: Reddicth Und v Dudley. to compete BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Peodight Trophy: Boole v Colwyn Bay; Great Harwood v Citingros.

Combridge University (Stop Memories ground, 11.30). TOUR MATCH: Rossyn Perk v Welling-ton, New Zustand (6.15); Northampton v Queensiand (7.30). RUGBY LEAGUE REGAL TROPHY: Second round: Featherstone Rovers v St Helens. the second placed Cleveland club.

containing one other notable emigrant. Chen Xinhua, the former World Cup winner from

player to receive an invitat play in the Pondus Cup tomot;





Bishop, the West Indian Indians had scored 28 be-No. 10, had been droppped. The most critical catch to go down during the day, though, was when Shoaib, then 15, was dropped by Dujon off Mar- him 21 wickets in the three shall. If West Indies should Tests at 14.3 apiece. fail to win today that was an time, for the catch could

hardly have been easier.

by Brian Walsh, QC, the

No agenda has been sent to the 21 district members who

were given six days notice.

instead of the usual 14, and

yesterday speculation was rife. Mr Walsh said it was only an

emergency meeting in "a tech-nical sense" and added: "We

wanted to hold one before the

new year to discuss general

matters and there is provision in

But yesterday one committee

brought West Indies' second after the umpires had already said that play could start. bowler in Test history to take play, when eventually it four wickets in five balls — the started, 45 minutes late, pro-

too many. Forty minutes later, came Akram's improbable over. With the second ball of it, which took off from a good length, he had Dujon caught at before to the third and Bishop put down at mid-on off the hat-trick, a chance which Imran running to his left, would normally have held.

stump with the fifth ball of the before with the last. Take 49 and the other nine West tween them. Greenidge's batting average for the series is 9.66, Dujon's 6.0 and Best's 6.25. Akram's five for 28 gave

Haynes's decision not to bowl Pakistan out in their event they were all out in the innings here. Now, in 39

There is circumstantial evidence to support both hypotheses. Walsh is to face opposition

for the first time since he was

elected to the Leeds seat in 1984

and, as a leading member of the northern Bar, may not want to become embroiled in a muddy

fight with an opponent. Further,

his vote in committee in favour

of an overseas player, a move that was defeated 15-5, has

weakened his position as

CRICKET

Yorkshire's members

scent a new mystery

By MARTIN SEARBY

THERE is an element of mystery surrounding an emergency bowler, who meets the cricket committee called for tomorrow comments in the media about

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his future.

could be safely left. This was an absolutely firstthe teams had to wait ten minutes for the president of age, Shoaib kept being hit on ay came when Wasim Akram and to wait ten minutes for the president of age, Shoaib kept being hit on the hand, and defiance. The

WEST INDIES: First innings 294 (C Hooper 134; Waskin Aleram 4 for 61) 

PAKISTAN: First innings 122 (C E Ambrose 5 for 34, I R Bishop 5 for 41)

Salim Malik, "Imran Khan, Washin Akram †Moin Khan, Masood Anwar, Abdul Cadir Waqar Younis to bat. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-50. BOWLING: Ambrose 11-2-20-1, Bishot 11-4-22-0, Watsh 6-0-25-1, Marshall 6-3 11-0, Hooper 3-0-10-0.

**YACHTING** 

#### Thackaberry sails close to the icebergs AS JOHN Martin closed to

within 2,000 miles of Sydne last night, at the head of the 21 strong BOC Challenge, the single-handed round the world race, Paul Thackaberry, the Corinthian class leader, was sailing deep into iceberg territory in an effort to coasolidate his lead over Robin Davic, of Britain (Barry Pickthall writes). According to the Argos sat ellite plots yesterday, Thacka-berry's short cut around the bottom of the globe puts him 114 miles ahead of Davie, but in terms of easting, the Am is still one degree behind the British vachtsman.

But yesterday one committee
man posed two questions: "Why
is there no agenda and why, if
the matter is routine, was it not
dealt with at the November
meeting?"
Members of the committee
are not allowed to speak publicly, upon penalty of suspension or expulsion from the club
— a decision taken last month.
Privately, however, it was
being suggested that Mr Waish
may be on the point of resigning
as one of the three members for
the Licely district: or, that, the

weakened his position as
Yorkshire may wish to disciyorkshire may wish to discipline Jarvis bul find they are
unable to do so because he is a
paid employee only between
April and October. Their response could be to release him
now, rather than wait for him to
leave when his contract expires
pext autumn.

Addrian Jones, a fast bowler, is
possing Cantend, Markey, 12,801, 3, 1891, 2, 1992, 200, 2, 1992, 10

#### FOOTBALL 7.30 unless stated

FA Cup Chesterfield v Bolton Rotherham v Helifax Shrewsbury v Chorley Second round replay

Second round Notts County v Sunderland (7.45)... Shelfield Utd v Oldham..... Leyland Daf Cup Preliminary round

Bury v Wigan
Darlington v Grimsby
Harilepool v Bradford
Hereford v Cardiff
Maldstone v Bournemouth (8.00)

Brechin v Hamilton Second division E Fife v Stirling.... Tennents Scottish Cup

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# United are forced to bow to television's demands for cup-tie

MANCHESTER United have and put alternatives up to Nottingham Forest, followed to delay their FA Cup third round tie against Queen's Park Rangers to January 7.

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The FA made the switch to the Monday to allow BSkyB, who hold joint televising rights with the BBC, to screen the match live to its satellite audience. But Martin Edwards, the chief executive at Old Trafford, said: "We are not too happy that the game has been switched to the Monday and we have spoken to the FA about it.

"Obviously it's their competition, they have sold the rights to BSB and there is nothing we can do about it. We have been told that we have been chosen as the live game and we will be expected to play on the Monday.

them but it looks as if we will by the draw at 5.30. have to play on the Monday.

"Our fans will not be too pleased about it but those are the rules of the competition and we enter accepting the rules. Ideally we would have liked to play on Saturday or if not on Sunday." United have supporters'

club branches through Britain and thousands of fans make the trek from as far afield as Malta and southern and northern Ireland for home games. United will receive a television fee of £60,000 but that will be of little compensation if this week's wintry conditions return to reduce

The BBC's live game on Sunday, January 6 (kick-off "We looked at the Sunday 3pm), will be Crystal Palace v

# No Bull market at Wolverhampton

WOLVERHAMPTON Wanderers last night offered further evidence that they have no need to sell their prize possession, Steve Bull, by announcing an operating profit for last season of £800,000 (Chris Moore writes). Dealings in the transfer market reduced the actual profit margin to £300,000.

Wolverhampton had earlier confirmed they had turned down "out of hand" a bid from Everton for their England international forward.

"Until Steve Bull comes to me and says he wants to leave the situation will remain unchanged," Jack Harris, the Wolves chairman, said. "No club in the country has

enough money to put in front of us to tempt us to want to sell him. He is a cult figure at Molineux, and a well-behaved "Before this summer there

might have been one or two doubts that someone could have made us the sort of offer we couldn't refuse. But that has not been the case since Sir Jack

Hayward took control of the club.
"He has given us the financial stability we needed. Our only problem now is to get the ground up to standard and we

• Cardiff City yesterday claimed compensation for the loss of the Wales v Belgium European championship match. The game, played on October 17 and won 3-1 by Wales, was switched from Ninian Park 10 the National Stadium because of possible problems over visiting supporters at the ground.

The FAW will consider the

are moving in the right direction on that issue."

matter next month. Mark Dennis, the Crystal Palace defender, has been suspended for two weeks and fined an undisclosed amount for "a breach of internal club

Dennis, aged 29, failed to report for a reserve game last week. The former Birmingham, Southampton and Queen's Park Rangers player has not played in Palace's first team since New

position ALGIERS (Agencies) - Nigel Clough has been awarded another England chance and the

Clough

picked

in club

Nottingham Forest forward is determined to make the most of

here yesterday after learning that he would feature prom-inently in the plans of the

manager, Graham Taylor, for today's B international against

the African champions in the

Clough was the first to rec-

ognise that he let himself down

ognise that he is musel as the list months ago when he collected his only senior cap, against Chile at Wembley in the

On that occasion, he played

alongside another newcomer. John Fashanu, but Taylor has paid the Forest manager's son

the compliment of naming him

in his club position, acting as a linkman for the front runners, Alan Smith and Ian Wright.

"This will be the first time that I've really played in my Forest position for a representative side," Clough said. "I

was disappointed not to take my chance against Chile. I had a couple of good opportunities which I should have taken and I

couldn't really complain about being left out. And I let myself

down at club level, by my own standards, throughout the next

players the chance to stake a claim for the next senior inter-

national, against Cameroon in February, has long admired Clough's deft touches.

He has also made it clear that to include the Forest man in his

full international plans would mean reshuffling the system. He

said: "This is an opportunity to play him in his Forest role. He is

difficult to mark and I want to see how things develop."

Taylor is going into the game knowing little about the opposition but believes he has

enough experienced players to

Bryan Robson will captain the

Taylor, who is giving his

Rous Cup.

Weather permitting, four FA Cup second round ties could be settled tonight. Chesterfield and Bolton Wanderers - four times winners of the competition compete for a home third round tie against Whitley Bay

or Barrow, who play Rotherham and Halifax Town contest a third round trip to Swansea City, while Cambridge United and Fulham replay at the Abbey Stadium after Friday night's gosiless draw at Craven

Inclement conditions prevented Shrewsbury Town and Chorley from taking the field for a second round tie scheduled for Gay Meadow on Saturday, but they meet tonight. The match will mark a return to Gay Meadow for John Williams, the manager of the HFS Loans league side, who grew up near Shrewsbury and supported the local club.

The Notts County manager, Neil Warnock, has apologised to Charlton Athletic over the postponement of Saturday's second division game at Selhurst Park. The match was

cailed off because County were stranded in Nottingham. prompting Charlton to claim that they should be given the points because County had failed to heed the weather warnings and travel to London 24 hours earlier. Warnock said: "I've got

every sympathy with Charlton. I am sure we would have been annoyed in the same situation but I can only say that we did everything possible. We explored every avenue but the police advised us it would be foolish to try and travel down to London."

Satellite switch The second division rugby

side from the back, where he is joined by Gary Mabbutt and Gary Pallister. They know that with Paul Parker ruled out for three months with knee trouble, there is an opening. Mel Sterland, Neil Webb and Alan league match between Whitehaven and Salford on Sunday will now kick off at 1pm Smith are others looking to resurrect their international as it is being shown by British

made his only full appearance in Saudi Arabia two years ago while Smith's last start was in Greece the following February.
Webb went to the World Cup finals and was named in Tay-lor's first three full squads. But national since snapping his months ago.

He returned to the Manchester United side last Saturday after being dropped for the previous two games, while Robson made his first senior appearance of the season in the same match, as substitute. Taylor has made it clear that if the England captain has a future it will be in a sweeper's

position.
"Playing there doesn't bother me," Robson said. "t's a challenge to try to keep a clean sheet and playing as sweeper still enables you to get forward." Taylor will be disappointed if Robson doesn't do that tomor row. He is also keen to see how the Crystal Palace captain Geoff Thomas copes in midfield on his debut.

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ENGLAND B: N Martyn (Crystel Palace);
M Sterland (Leeds), D Surrows
(Liverpool), N Webb (Manchester United),
G Misbbott (Tossenham), G Pallister
(Manchester United), B Robsen
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(Manchester United), M Clough (Noting-ham Forest), A Sarith (Aresna), I Wright
(Crystal Palace), G Thomas (Crystal
Palace)

**Malvernians** 

knocked out

# French threaten strike

threatened to strike for the last three matches of the season if brought an end to that run. They the league carries out cost-took the lead after only six cutting measures adopted by club chairmen on Saturday. After a season in which several clubs have been enguised by financial scandals and threat-ened with bankruptcy, the char-men decided on the cuts, the most painful of which will be the reduction of playing staffs from 21 to 19 next season. If this season ends in a strike

it will be a pity, since the championship was thrown wide open on Sunday when Auxerre The result cut the gap between the two clubs at the top of the first division to two points. Marseilles since the club was equired by Bernard Tapec in 1986 and it follows a period of uncertainty that began in September when Franz Becken- Juventus.

THE French national union of the top. Auxerre's remarkable half the first division was in professional footballers has victory, which came only two action. Internazionale took full threatened to strike for the last weeks before the winter break advantage hearing Corone 5.1 minutes when Cocard scored but the match was settled in four minutes after half-time. Between the 49th and 52nd

> Roache's goal was particularly unwelcome to Marseille, since they had loaned him to Auxerre. Beckenbauer was at a loss to explain. He said: "Auxerre deserved to win but we were mostly to blame. I told my players to take it easy when we fell behind but they rushed forward like little kids." Bad weather forced the postponement of many Euro-

pean fixtures at the weekend. among them those involving two of the leaders of the Italian first division, Sampdoria and Since then, Marseilles have been unimpressive but successful, moving four points clear at Olympia, of Paraguay, barely

advantage, beating Cesena 5-1. Matthaus scored twice and Klinsmann once as Inter moved into a two-point lead at the top, Most notable among the other matches was the I-I draw Between the 49th and 52nd minute Auxerre scored three times, through Roache, Scifo and the Hungarian, Kovaks. Was all of the Brazilian goal-times, through Roache, Scifo and the Hungarian, Kovaks. Was sent off in a match which was otherwise distinguished by the brief appearance of Guiseppe Lorenzo, who came on as a substitute for Bologna and was sent off ten seconds later, apparently for trying to

> PSV Eindhoven maintained their position at the top of the Dutch first division by beating Fortuna Sittard 5-1, Bosman scoring twice. Ajax kept themselves within a point by bearing Feyenoord 4-0.

punch an opponent.

In Spain, Real Madrid moved into second place by beating Tenerife with goals by Butragueño, Sanchez and Losada, but they remained five points behind Barcelona

#### **OVERSEAS RESULTS**

WORLD CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP: AC Milan 3. Olimpia (Par) 8 (in Tokyo). AFRICAN CUP WINNERS' CUP: Club African (Tun) 1, BCC Lions (Nigena) 1 African (Tun) 1, BCC Llons (Nigeria) 1
(sign 1-4).

BELGIAN LEAGUE: Lokeren (), Anderleckt 1; Standard 3, Genk 1; Beerschot (),
Charlerol 2; FC Mechin 2; Eleren 1;
Waregem 2, FC Bruges 2; RWD Molenbeek (), Llenes (); SK Bruges 2; Norright
(), Antwerp 4, Ghent 1; Saint Trution 1, FC
Liggs 1. Leading positions (after 17
matches) 1; Ghent, 36; 2, Anderschott, 25;
3, FC Bruges, 24.

BRAZIJAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Semifinals, second legs Gramio 1, São Paulo 0
(agg: 1-2); Behla (), Corintelens () (agg: 1-2). CENTRAL AFRICAN NATIONS CHALL-CENTRAL AFRICAN MATIONS CHALL-BIGGE CUP: Group A: Zenziber 0, Tan-zonie 0; Maiseré 0, Zimbabwe 0, Groep B: Ugenda 2, Kenya 2. CZECHOSLOVAK LEAGUE: Union Cheb 1, FC Nira 0; Duida Prague 1, Stoven Bratislava 0; Inter Brasias Bystrica 4, Spernak Hradec Kralove 1; Tatran Prasov 3, Bohemians Prague 0; TJ Vitkovica 2, Zbrojovka Brmo 0; Stavas Prague 0, DAC Dungiata Streda 1; Signa Comouc 1, Banik Carava 0, Leading positions (after 15 matchae): 1, Union Cheb, 20pts; 2, Strada, 19.

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iova, 24pts; 2, Dinamo Bucharest, 24; 3, Steaus Bucharest, 23.

8PANISH LEAGUE: Cadez 0, Asiérico Madrid 1: Real Macind 3, Tomerife 0; Real Zaragoza 0, Bercelone 2: Real Mallorca 0, Castellón 0; Español 2; Real Vatiandel 0; Valencie 3, Beits 1; FC Seville 1, Burgos 2, Poetponest Lografiés v Ossams; Oviedo v Athletic Bibao, Laading positions (sfler 14 metrhes); 1. Barcelona 24pts; 2, Real Medrid 19; 3, Lografiés 18.

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# in extra time OLD Brentwoods defeated Old

Malvernians 5-4 after extra time in the Arthur Dunn Cup. In a match where shots were fired in profusion at both ends, Brentwood were ahead 2-1 at half time. A header from Harris and a negality by lain Denham and a penalty by lain Denham put Malvern in front, but a late goal from Davis took the match to extra time. Drayton and Roe put Brentwood ahead, and although King narrowed the gap, Malvern could not find the equaliser.

Old Foresters came back from a 2-0 deficit to level the score against Repton. This could not prevent their visitors finding the decider. Old Eastbeuralans, making their first appearance in the competition, were still in touch with Lancing at half time, but experience began to tell and Lancing

Play only became possible between Old Carthusians and Old Salopians when snow had been swept from the lines. Under difficult conditions, the match was decided by a firsthalf goal, which was scored by Charles May for Carthusians.

# Cram vows to have shot at 1,500 metres again

ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT STEVE Cram, Britain's mile world record-holder, is to have one more attempt at winning another championship 1,500 World championships in Tokyo

By DAVID POWELL

is not a lot around to beat — no one around to be frightened of."

Cram has not won an inter
Cram has not won an inter
European championship, he has trained hard.

Thisse have been going championship triumph in 1986, but he added: "The event has gone backwards rather than fowards: 3min 32sec was the best in the world this year and the said. "I said after Salis at the said." I said after Salis at the said. metres. After considering a move up to 5,000 metres, he has decided to keep faith with the shorter event and tackle it at during each of the last three "At the moment, I am stick-ing with 1,500 metres." Cram, three of his titles: world. Tokyo and be competitive in the encouragement at the end of the

the world championships. There is no reason why I can't go to

in Split against the expectations of many. Injury and illness had restricted his appearances to a handful all summer. To have only Herold, di Napoli, Silva and Elliott ahead of him on limited training helped con-vince him he might regain the would think about moving up to 5,000 metres. I probably will run world trile he won in 1983 but a couple, but they won't be in lost to Abdi Bile in 1987.

# First sponsor for sportshall athletics



DALEY Thompson (pictured above), whose speed at the age of 14 in games hall races gave Haywards Heath Harriers the first hist of the athlete to come, returned to his roots yesterday. though not in Haywards Heath but in Frodsham (David Powell writes). Haywards Heath found Thompson for British athletics. Frodsham, by its sportshall athletics innovation, hopes to play a part in discovering the Thompsons of tomorrow.

Sportshall athletics has one notable graduate in Flona May, the long jumper voted Britain's leading woman field eventer of 1990. "She was in the Derbyshire team at 13," George Bunner, the scheme's founder, said. "It all started in Frodsham. We had no track and no facilities, but we did have a local sportshall." And yesterday he got

That is the sum which Adidas is to put into sportshall athletics over the next three years, its first sponsorship. Money to help the eight to 15 age group participate in athletics throughout the year. Bunner wants children to enjoy their sport enough to maintain interest through to an age when they are ripe for specific coaching. "If we had not kept Fiona May going in the winter, she might not have turned up in the ummer," Bunner said.

There will be Sportshall Athletics Association national championships in March and April. "We now have something like 10,000 children and we want to see a mass multiple of that over the next three years," Bunner said. With its purpose-built equipment,

such as the "reversaboard" for bouncing skateboard-style off the walls, it may belo to fill a void in the schools.

"We have read with increasing concern about the decline in fitness of children and of sport in schools," Robin Money, of Adidas, said. The need for sportshall athletics was emphasised by the Amateur Athletic Association development officer for the north, John Temperton. "A lot of clubs know nothing else than to send their kids out on a three-mile run in winter." Temperton said.

As yesterday's demonstration in Frodsham, in front of Thompson, Steve Cram and John Regis, showed, you can run, jump or throw in sportshall athletics. Sure, Britain is the best in Europe, but it has its weaknesses. The shot, for example, "In one weekend we had 400 children putting the shot," Bunner said. Another Thompson among them? A shot in the dark, perhaps, but better than no shot at all.

# Vikings of the ski slopes

From Brian James in sestriere

TO HAVE to go seeking the secret of Norway's renaissance as an Alpine skiing nation from a man who once walked away head shaking, from the British effort to achieve similar fame is painful. Dieter Bartsch shrugs apologetically when one says as much.
"We did all we could with

what we had when I coached the British team in the early Eight-ies," he said. "The problem was not with skiers but with the administration. Too many committees." It is proper to add management is now lean and mean compared to the system Bartsch fought: but what his latest successors attempt places Britain where Norway stood five years ago. Hearing a Norwegian skier,

climate ("Five years ago we were amateur in our thinking and our preparation, so we never truly believed") was to listen to echoes of every conversation with British skiers conversation with British skiers for the past two decades. Is what Norway has achieved too staggering an example to follow? Bartsch is in charge of a slim team, compared with the giant squads of Austria, Switzerland and France. But Norway had four men in the top 30 of the season's opening slalom, then four in the first 20 of Saturday's first downhill. And as the ski first downhill. And as the ski caravanseral rolled on into Italy yesterday, it was the men in Norway's ominously dark uni-form that locals feared as the main challenge to the local hero, Tomba, who was practising bard for five days before the rest

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When last winter a Norwegian, and often two, appeared in the top 10 of each of the four solo specialist, like Sweden's

skiing disciplines, there was talk great Stenmark. But almost at of a mere tide in the fortune of once Atle Skaadal broke from

nations. No one believes any more that we are simply seeing some Norse god smiling on a land that produced no Alpine ace since the Fifties. Bartsch is also plain on that

point. "Our secret? Well, it is not luck. I have a different training method. You cannot coach downhill with downhill runs alone. I break all skiing into its elements, the turns, the gliding, the jumps. Work always on these. Then demand that the racers assemble all the parts for themselves. Now I have five men in my team of seven who are capable of winning a World Cup now. I will be unhappy if, by the end of one year, the other two are not of this standard. But the important point is not what I

"It goes wider even than this. For many years Norway admired only Nordic skiers. Alpine teams were nothing. Now all Norway is behind these few men . . . they are the tip of a national effort."

Two sponsors came forward, a shipping magnate for the men's team, the national salmon-fishing industry for the women, and Bartsch suddenly had a £1.1 million budget (roughly four times the British total) to back the effort. "It was not too much money compared." not too much money, compared with the big countries, but we could manage. But we still needed a little more light, someone had to strike a spark." That spark flared off two men: first, Ole-Christian Furuseth, who won three skaloms in 1989 to get the circus asking idly whether Scandinavia had somehow turned up another isolated

the pack of top-15 finishers with two World Cup victories in the far more glamorous downhill races last season. Could there be more to come? Within months, two 19-year-

olds from this same tiny group, Aamodt and Kyus, won titles in the world junior champion-ships. In the first super giant of this season, another unknown, Linberg, made the improbable leap from 71st place in the rankings to twelfth. While the sport was still taking this in, Linberg began training for the first downhill of the season with times faster than even the most famous racers — before a cruel crash which sent him home to Oslo on a stretcher with a knee that will take a year to repair. "Linberg was a meteor, who will flare again," Bartsch said.

"Confidence is not any more our problem. Over-confidence may be." But technique under writes bravura. What is also becoming famous is the cross-discipline ability of the team. Each man must ski at least three of the four events; it was noted how the slalomist, Lasse Kyus, starting among the handful of unrated who are sent down to help set the course, returned so startling a time he finished eleventh, well among the down-hill points at the Val d'Isère

"A Norway skier who is champion can be rich," Thorsen said. "And I think it would be the same for any British skier." Northey gives lead

Sarah Northey, of Reading Royals, heads the British synchronised swimming team for the Europa Cup from November 23 to 25 November 23 to 25.

#### IN BRIEF Doyle hit

by virus TONY Doyle, Britain's only professional track cyclist on the winter international circuit, was recovering yesterday from a debilitating stomach virus that prevented the defence of his European madison title in Gre-

noble at the weekend. He had been unwell before leaving for France but his condition worsened 24 hours before the 80km championship in which he was to have been partnered by Pier-Angelo Bincoletto, of Italy.

MOTOR CYCLING: Suzuki have signed the Belgian, Didier de Radigues, to ride alongside Kevin Schwantz in the world 500cc championship next season, a spokesman for the Janaon Monday. De Radigues rode an Aprilia 250cc bike for the past two seasons but was dogged by mechanical problems. His best result was second in this year's Belgian grand prix.
REAL TENNIS: The world No. 1, Lachlan Deuchar, and Wayne Davies, the world champion combined superbly to de-feat the talented Peter Meares and Robert Fahry in the exciting, all-Australian final of the British Open real tennis doubles championship at Queen's Club. Championship at Queen's Club. RESILTS: George Wimpey British Open doubles championship: Fluat: W Davies and L Deuchar (Aus) bt P Meares and R Fahey (Aus), 6-1, 6-0, 6-4. MOTOR RACING: Eddie Jordan has signed the Belgian driver. Bertrand Gachot, aged 27, for the 1991 Formula One world championship. Gachot is scheduled to begin testing the recently unveiled Jordan-Ford at Silverstone later this week.

Wolverhampton Wanderers have signed Paul Stancliffe, the central defender, on a free transfer from Sheffield United.

MOTOR RALLYING

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**NORDIC SKIING** 

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#### FOR THE RECORD



HATFIELD HORSE: George Wilmpey British over \$0 championship: Toled round: J Ward ht S Earles, 8-6 B Church ht R Magorem, 8-7: G Atters bt D Alen, 3-0; A Crook bt M Soutwood, 5-9: D Seven-Thomas bt D Rowe, 8-4; C Dean bt W Copilan, 8-5. Cuarrer-finals: Ward ht Grunch, 6-1; 6-0; P Dancy ht J Tours, 9-3, 6-3; Adhie bt Crook, 4-6, 6-0, 5-2; Deam bt Seven-Thomas, 8-2, 6-1. Semi-finals:

NATIONAL LEAGUE (MHL): Boston Bruins 3, Buffato Sabres 2: Calgery Flemes 3, Edmon-ton Okers 2; Philadelphia Flyers 5, Chicago Stack Hawles 4. New York Rangers 77 5 11 39 Philadelphia Piyers 18 2 13 33 New Jersey Devils 16 4 11 38 Washington Cape ... 17 0 15 34 Pitsburgh Pens ... 12 3 15 27 New York Islanders 9 2 17 20

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Jumping (1:20m): 1, A Felder (Austrie),
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2, A Kissawatter (Ger), 54; 3, Petsk, 52. RUGBY LEAGUE SPEED SKATING CALCARY: World Cage Mer. 5,000m; 1, T Gustafaon (Swe), Smin 44,88sec; 2, Ben van ce Surg (Neth), 6:45,64; 3, R Signel (ft), 6:48,10, Women: 3,000m; 1, G Kleemann (Ger), 4:18,80 (world record); 2, H Warnicke (Ger), 4:18,27; 3, Y van Gennip (Neth), 4:21,08. TABLE TENNIS KUALA LIMPUR: Asian championehipee Doubler, Finalis: Men: Kim Song Fisi and Kim Guk Cho; (N Kor) bi Wiw Wan Cha and Feng Shang Chin. (Talwan), 21-6, 21-10. Wesners: Casa Hong and Xu Xisoin (China) bi Liu Wei and Jin Junhong (China), 21-17, 2-18.

VAUXHALL INDOOR TROPHY: Ment Clearview Brentwood 3, Herpenden Stage 0. Wessell: Tennis World Micdlesbrough 3, Puma Sunderland 0, Batchwood 5 Albers 1, Herpenden 2. Clearview Brentwood 3, Middlessex Polytechnic 0. Walton holdor 2, Islington 1; Esling 0, Queen's Club, London 3: Riverside Racquist Centre 3, Chris Lane Wolsing 0. Woting 0. METZ: European netions! chettsplonables: Final: Germany or Soviet Union, 2-1 (German remes finat; all Such to A Cherkasov, 6-2, 7-5; U Rightwish for to D Potentov, 7-5, 3-8, 2-6; Stoch and Rightwall for by V Sabrictariza and A Otechowsid, 6-3, 7-6.

# SPORT

# A whiff of panic as England fly in DeFreitas

ment has sustained during the overpoweringly of panic.

Permission was obtained for Graham Gooch, the wounded captain, to further advance his comeback by playing, exclusively as a bats-man, in today's festival match against the Bradman XI. The match at Bowral would then incongruously become one of

England also reacted star-tlingly to the thigh strain which may prevent Gladstone Small from playing for a week by summoning a bowling replacement. Phillip DeFreitas, the Lancashire fast bowler, had been at home in Manchester awaiting duties on the England A tour of terday as cover for Small, who is not sure of playing a part in ule of three World Series Cup matches in four days. role in a one-day match in DeFreitas will arrive here Brisbane at the weekend,

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THE staunch public front that players and belief that the the England cricket manage- recent wretched form is no more than, to use Micky past fortnight collapsed with-out apology yesterday with Indeed, with yesterday's two proposals smelling developments, England have semaphored their state of

desperation across Australia. course, be the best possible tonic for the touring party, for he has been sorely missed in a variety of ways. One must, however, question the wisdom and the value of him hurrying into an irrelevant game when plainly not confidently fit.

Batting against the assorted bowlers of the Bradman side environment may be no more beneficial than a net and could be counter-productive, while to plead the case for him to bat but not field is to tamper with both the letter and spirit of the

Better by far for Gooch to have gradually stepped up his practice commitments during the week so that, if essential, he could have played a fuller when his contribution could None of this is consistent be critical to England's pros-

#### Paceman craves action

PHILLIP DeFreitas, who was still in good shape, though disappointed not to have been and I have done a lot of work chosen for the original tour at Lilleshall. So now it's just a party, said yesterday that he matter of getting my bags was fit and ready to help packed and I hope to be in England in Australia. "I can't action by the weekend." wait to get out there," DeFreitas said. "I have been watching every minute of the at Lancashire, said DeFreitas games, dying to be out there

"It has really hurt me,

David Hughes, his captain should have been chosen in the first place. "I know I am biased but I believe him to be especially seeing the lads one of the best pace bowlers in struggle to hit top form, I am England Bowral did still depend on the advice of a specialist and a late decision was to be made once the party had gathered at the country town, 60 miles out of

esperation across Australia. Small's injury was still Gooch's early return will, of being treated as relatively minor yesterday, with the team's physiotherapist, Laurie muscle was not torn and that the bowler was not necessarily to be discounted from Thursday's game against New Zealand, here in Sydney.

But the unseemly haste with which DeFreitas has been in a semi-competitive readied, for yet another of his many England reprieves, suggests a loss of confidence in the available bowlers or a growing feeling that Eddie Hemmings, who has a strained calf, may not have much left to offer to the tour.

"We are down to the bare minimum and we just have to take the precaution of sending for DeFreitas," Peter Lush, the England manager, said. There is a fear that one further bowling injury would leave England severely embarrassed, and with the players left here that may be the case. They are, however, already embarrassed by a series of international performances bereft of class and accomplish-

Australia are in such ascendancy in the winter's competitions that they can afford to shuffle their side, resting their best players when they are not considered essential England, beset by problems not all of their own making, would give a great deal for one chance to put their best team

Pakistan's faint hope, page 42



# The game which is becoming more of a strain

can be said of news of injuries to cricketers. Be it inadequate protection, differing pitches or would not have been spotted simply that they are playing in Bradman's day. So instead too much, they need physio- of carrying the ailment, the

According to a former England captain, Mike Denness, and a former England physio, Bernard Thomas, this is not an illusion. "It would appear that there are more injuries," the home side all contribute to injuries. The chemicals that at hospitals all round the groundsmen use now may be world pick out things that innocent but certain players

therapists and hospitals as cricketer is given the option of not playing.

"In India such diagnosis is not so readily available, but then there is less fast bowling. Quick bowlers, harder pitches

youngsters going on their first tours might be vulnerable to injuries. I know of one England fast bowler who went on his first tour with only one pair of boots. Another player suffered an infected knee when the ball went through his pad. I could quote lots of instances of players not receiving the right advice."

Thomas added: "I am all in favour of experimenting with protection but it is not possible to protect the hand completely given the angle at which the ball is bowled."

day internationals. For the second time since 1986, England are touring Australia in Denness. "My injuries tended the same year that they have to be self-inflicted. In Austrabeen to the West Indies. There

This year there has been experiments with finger and glove protection. A special plastic was patented by Gray-Nicolls for Robin Smith; a fingerguard made of hexalite (light surgical plastic) was devised by Ralph Dellor, the

owing to the growth of one- ers to plaster tape their gloves. "I was never out of the game

through a hand injury," lia in 1974-5 we were more should be cushioning a blow is scant break for the players. concerned with avoiding and not jarring fingers against being hit on the head by Lillee and Thomson before the advent of helmets. But we played Test glove with hardened only one one-day international on that tour and the highly competitive matches with more diving around, means there is a

greater chance of being injured

Do Australian and New Zealand cricketers get as many hand injuries? My feeling is that they do not. Gloves the handle," he said.

"Cricketers' injuries, though, are often derived from what they do to themselves, rather than resulting from physical contact. If a cricketer is fit and yet is kept out of the game by hamstring or back injuries, there must be a physical weakness."

# Robson ready to take up new challenge

From Stuart Jones in algiers

BRYAN Robson will today opening of a new era under attempt to resurrect his interfor himself a rightful place in a asked to contribute. defence which he describes as

out even proving his fitness can compete with the best for Manchester United, Rob- teams in the world. son relishes the prospect of a position which is not entirely improvement in scoring goals foreign to him. He has acted as and that is not the respona sweeper for both his club, sibility only of the forwards under Alex Ferguson, and his but of the midfield players as country, under Ron Greenwood, almost a decade ago. not be tied to defensive duties man markers in Mark Wright and Graham Taylor agrees Des Walker and Paul Parker. with his philosophy. "I'll be disappointed if he doesn't find himself in Algeria's penalty in midfield, an opinion not the England manager said. "In that case, we need to win a few corners," his captain said in

jest.
"I don't want to be restrained," he continued in the world's most successful more serious vein. "We will line up with three at the back he says. but if I've got possession and I can see an opportunity to play a one-two or dribble past somebody, then I'll do that if I think it is the right decision. "That is how the manager

sees it as well so that suits me. This is a new challenge for me and it is a good match to settle atively aged 33-year-old is to in and get accustomed to the system. I just hope I do myself justice. Besides, I need group he so admires. matches to get fit again."

in the middle of a second that if I am playing well." successive World Cup, he has

national career by establishing that he would necessarily be

"You never know what a the quickest back five in the new manager's opinions are world". It is there, rather than going to be. He might have in his former demanding midfield role, that his England youngsters but, in the three internationals so far. I've not Though surprised to be seen anything different. As in selected for the B team with- the last World Cup, I think we

"There is some room for well. The full backs must also be an attacking force but we've But he stresses that he will got three excellent man-to-Although Robson believes

that he could still contribute ognises the benefit of the sweeper system. "With the exception of the Netherlands in the European chann ionship two years ago, all o teams have played that way.

"With Wright, Walker and Parker, we've got the quickest back five in the world. With their speed they won't be embarrassed wherever they find themselves on the pitch." This evening, the compartake his first typically positive steps towards infiltrating the

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He must do so if he is to During his recovery from realise a personal ambition two Achilles tendon opera- and make another 13 appeartions and the shattering dis- ances for England. "I want to appointment of being injured win 100 caps and I can only do

United in TV row, page 43

## McLoughlin on the move for £1m

By LOUISE TAYLOR

IF HARDLY a week goes by without a Test match or one-day international somewhere in the world, much the same more injuries than they are to send a nylon without a Test match or one-day international somewhere in the world, much the same more injuries than they are to send a nylon without a Test match or one-day international somewhere in the world, much the same more injuries than they did in the past woundesters going on their first of the growth of one or the solid or one of the past of the smooth of one or the solid or one or the same of the past of the growth of one or the solid or one or the same of the past of the growth of one or the same of the past of the growth of one or the past of the growth of t Town and Republic of Ireland international midfield player. Aged 23, McLoughlin was Swindon's most influential player as they reached the second division play-offs last season, and subsequently played in the World Cup finals in Italy. He scored 16 goals along the way to Swindon's Wembley win over Sunderland in the play-off final last May, and was disappointed at the club's demotion from the

field, will make him a natural replacement for Jimmy Case, who is understood to be contemplating retirement

Paul Bodin is expected to be the next player to depart Swindon, who are deeply in debt. The left back is likely to move to Sunderland, with Paul Hardyman possibly travelling to the County Ground in part exchange Lincoln City yesterday

signed Keith Alexander, the Stockport County forward, for

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It was the end of a perfect Saturday for me and I should explain why, since I detect some surprise that I was working from the warmth of the West End when my feet really should have been frozen to the television gantry at Kenil-

### Ulstermen vow to stay with Britain

STEVE Martin and James Kirkwood, the Ulstermen, have announced their continued commitment to the Great Britain cause should the Irish Hockey Union (IHU) decide to take part independently in the Olympic Games at its special general meeting in Dublin on January 19.

Kirkwood, aged 27 and Martin, 31, were with the Olympic qualifying tour-Great Britain team at the nament in Auckland, New

twelfth Champions Trophy tournament last month at Melbourne, where Martin played an important role as left back in all five matches. Kirkwood had only one full

Another Ulsterman, Daniel Clarke, aged 20, must decide whether to stick with Great Britain after playing for them against France in August.

At the meeting of the governing body of the IHU in Dublin in Saturday, the overall view, despite the opposition from Ulster, was that Ireland should play in the Zealand, next October. As this involves a fun-

damental change in the structure of the IHU, the governing body decided to leave the final decision to the special general

Vets offer racing help on drug cases By RICHARD EVANS BRITAIN'S horse vets yesterday came out in favour of specialist scientists handling the early stages of drug-related enquiries following the

controversial Aliysa affair. The British Equine Veterinary Assocation (Beva) also disclosed it had held reservations about the conduct of similar investigations for

many years. A plan to establish a panel of scientific experts to carry out a preliminary assessment Public Prosecutions. of the evidence in drug cases was put to members of the Jockey Club privately last March by Beva.

Following the disqualification of the 1989 Oaks winner and the subsequent withdrawal from British racing of

matter of priority".

The Jockey Club should establish a panel which would include "the acknowledged and demonstrable clinical, pharmacological and physiological expertise of the veterinary profession", Beva says. It would advise the Jockey Club whether or not there was a case to answer, in a way similar to the Director of

A change in policy would bring about a "commonsense" approach to drug-related enquiries and deal with its reservations. Beva indicated. In a statement, the association said: "Those reserva-

the Aga Khan a week ago, a system of interpretation of Britain is continuing to play a Beva is advocating the adoption of such a system "as a carried out by the HFL revisions which may be matter of priority".

[Horseracing Forensic Lab-considered," David Pipe. [Horseracing Forensic Laboratory] in Newmarket.

first division for financial

irregularities.

"The competence of this Jockey Club, said. laboratory is beyond question, and it is undoubtedly among the world leaders in this field of activity. However, once a positive result has been ob- regarding them. Internationtained from a racehorse, a ally, we agree on what are Jockey Club enquiry and dis- prohibited substances. If we qualification inevitable."

The Jockey Club insisted last night the doping issue must be dealt with at international rather than national level. "To this end the debate representative in England.

director of public affairs at the

"We note what Beva are saying and we are dealing with it at an international level," Pipe added. "No-one is disbecome try to apply the rules differently, you are in a madhouse.

The Beva plan was welcomed last night by Matthew McCloy, the Aga Khan's legal on this complex topic is who said it was a significant already on the agenda of step forward towards improvmeetings of international rac- ing scientific methods in this

# Football is shooting itself in the foot again

I MUST declare an interest. I seriously misread the Tony Adams sending-off at Luton on Saturday. As I sat in a bare West End studio commentating from a television screen to a world-wide audience spread, I was told, from the United States to South Africa, I spoke with stunning certainty: "It can only have been something he said to the

It did not even occur to me that it could have been a "professional foul". My defence is that it was, after all, an everyday challenge by Adams on lain Dowie and it was dear old Sports Report on the car radio a little later that gave me the first clue that I had missed the big story. However, the repercussions for the game are more serious than I hope they are for me.

BRIAN MOORE, the television commentator, explains why he still cannot see the professional foul that earned Tony Adams a red card

I had been in Nottingham overnight preparing for the match between Forest and Liverpool for our overseas customers. All that changed when the Arctic enveloped the East Midlands, the game was called off by ten o'clock on Saturday morning and, without even getting within hailing distance of Brian Clough, I found myself high-stepping through deep snow and a blizzard to Nottingham station where, two freezing hours later, a solitary train moved on and gathered speed for St Pancras.

Incidentally, my producers had told me to get to London, that the feature match would now be Luton v Arsenal, and to try to make it on time. I tell you all this in a further attempt to distance myself from the may be on the point of resigning some of the three members for 1981 but left after the side had as one of the three members for 1981 but left after the side had the Leeds district; or that the won the NatWest Trophy five 3.704; 3. Nishau (R Hooks, US), 3.926; 4.

school, and so it was that my taxi pulled up at the Foley Street studio, just north of Oxford Street, at 2.45. Not much preparation time, it is true, but with a bit of guesswork here and a touch of "letting the picture tell the story" there, I kept close enough to the game with the help of my little monitor set. Until the 73rd minute.

I have seen that challenge by Adams replayed several times. The referee, Philip Don, called it "serious foul play". His judgment, I have no doubt, was honestly delivered. I believe he was wrong and I am not sure it was what Fifa had in mind last summer when it issued its redcard instructions against the professional foul. I think we all saw, and applauded,

the end of swift forwards bearing down on goal being clobbered by heavy-footed defenders as a last and desperate measure. Red card quite right. But Adams's challenge was nothing like that and it was one. I suggest, we see outside the penalty area half adozen times in every

only with the sending-off. And where does all of this leave the assault by David Burrows on Danny Wallace in the Manchester United-Liverpool Rumbelows Cup tie in October? That was the classic example of the professional foul if ever there was one, but there was no red card for the Liverpool defender. By Saturday's values, it was probably worth four.

I do not argue with the penalty,

What is clear is that the League's referees as a body should this week take a deep breath and determine to separate the cynical from the clumsy. I hate the sight of vellow and red cards but acknowledge that they are necessary and I still

applaud enthusiastically the philoswith 22 players on the field.

ophy of the best referees that they should do their utmost to finish But what happens now? As of last Saturday, are referees tied to a harsh code where any desperate challenge

inside or outside the penalty area is

considered a red-card offence? Are players now even more precarious on the tightrope of what is allowed and what is not? Are we further than ever from a sensible standard of consistent decision-making?

One further aside. Is there now a possible double bonus for the cheat who dives in search of penalties?

We have had some wonderful games this season, the attendances are on the increase, the first division championship is alive again, and the third round of the FA Cup is just around the corner. Yet once more, with all this red-card talk, we find the barrel again pointed at football's

I apologise for my part in it here. Naturally, I am disappointed that I did not spot the "professional foul" on Saturday. But I am sadder still that the game - in the aftermath of this one decision - may have strayed dangerously over the line separating good sense and what is plain daft.

22.00 and midnight play in the Pondus Cup tomor-

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